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# All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

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## We are back

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 we held our Inaugural AGM and the above Parliamentary Group is formed as follows:-

**Chairman,** Andy Carter MP Conservative, Warrington South

**Vice Chair** Stephen Metcalfe MP Conservative South Basildon and East Thurrock

**Co – Secretary** Stephen Hammond MP Conservative Wimbledon

**Co – Secretary** Baroness Randerson LibDems House of Lords Spokesman (Transport)

**Treasurer** - Clive Betts MP Labour Sheffield South East

**Officer** – Wera Hobhouse MP LibDem Bath Spokesperson for the Climate Emergency, Energy and the Environment,

**Officer** – The Rt. Hon The Lord Richard Faulkner of Worcester MA. House of Lords Labour

**Officer** – Mike Amesbury MP Labour Weavervale Employment, Works and Pensions

**Officer** – Drew Hendry MP SNP Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey

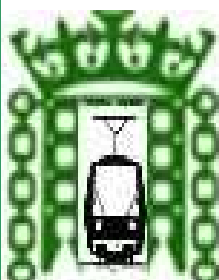
**Officer** – Gavin Newlands MP SNP Paisley and Renfrewshire Transport Spokesman ...

**Secretariat** – James Harkins FCILT MTPS Light Rail (UK)

Others to be confirmed shortly

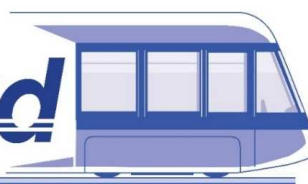
Our Presentation dates for your diaries are  
**Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 1500h – 1700h**  
in the House of Commons, invitation and details to follow.

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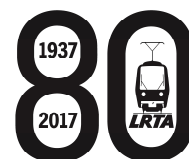
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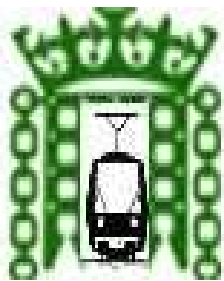
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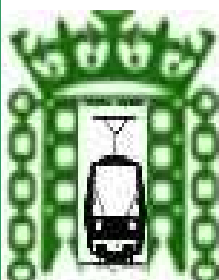


## Current Parliament

### Highlights of the Story, Achievements, Ambitions Program :

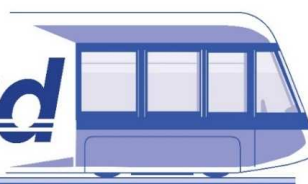
1. To develop Clean Air policies in Law, Oslo Effect (2005) and Defra Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE), the latter still to be included in National, Local Air Quality Totals.
2. To ensure that the Defra NEE figures are included in all National Carbon Figures giving an accurate figure in the fight for achieving Climate Change Emergency National and Local figures
3. To promote trams as the major urban sustainable transport tool in the Climate Emergency box including awareness of high toxicity of road, tyre, brake and swirl dust dangers and misrepresentations, proven high modal switch from rubber wheeled polluting vehicles
4. To promote trams as a significant catalyst for regeneration, growth, congestion busting and connectivity.
5. To call for a modernisation, revision and a lighter, quicker Transport & Works Act including a more inclusive Webtag/Stag procedures
6. To promote low cost tramways and light rail installations where appropriate
7. To promote trams as a low-cost alternative to heavy rail where appropriate such as South Wales
8. Introduce TramTrain – Sheffield, North and South Wales, Greater Manchester and others
9. Encourage new tramway technology including Catenary free, (Midland Metro), hybrid battery propulsion and other non-fossil fuels such as Hydrogen trams in service in Doha Qatar. See videos on [www.applrguk.co.uk](http://www.applrguk.co.uk)
10. To fund a working parliamentary visit to Doha Qatar to inspect the working Hydrogen Trams and installation
11. Support WMG Catapult technology such as that proposed for Coventry City
12. Establish a National Tram project, based on the Tram tracker Project with at least 3 start ups per annum to retain core expertise and build a UK based tram and consultancy industry
13. Established a Tram tracker Project list (86 so far) of Smaller Cities, Towns and Corridors – Tram Tracker Project agreed with Minister Jesse Norman, already done on webpage [www.applrguk.co.uk](http://www.applrguk.co.uk)
14. Source Funding for the Tram tracker Project which is not yet in place as Minister Jesse Norman has moved on to enable a pre-feasibility study and a light Web Tag/Stag assessment.
15. Maintain a Web Site based reporting facility and reference/archive source.
16. Establish/work with a one stop Tram information source, Norman Baker's – UKTram.
17. Presentations in the House of Commons, 3- 4 meetings per annum, + Parliamentary Tea with current Minister. Attend and present at Party Conferences, subject to cash flow.
18. Promoted Line 2 Broxtowe Nottingham, replacement vehicles, rails and various infrastructures in Blackpool, Manchester, Croydon and Midland Metro.

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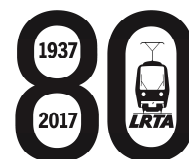
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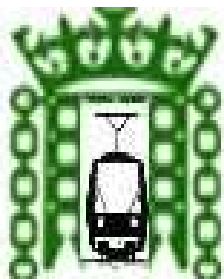
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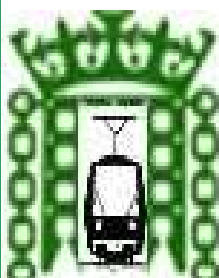


19. Visited Kassel TramTrain, Alicante TramTrain, met President How, Taiwan and his Minister of Transport and advise them that the new southern tramway should be built at grade and not on stilts which has subsequently built at grade (street level and reporting a significant retail growth)
20. Further trips are in hand subject to funding
21. Contributed to the re-alignment of the TramTrain Trials from Penistone to Barnsley line to Sheffield - Rotherham, funding for 7 Stadler TramTrain vehicles and equipment, commenced running February 2019.
22. To advise both Houses and if need be, source studies, last one "Economic Impact of Trams and Light Rail" in conjunction with UKTram by Professor Knowles, Salford University
23. To establish "Carbon Credits/Offsets" for Trams based on the modal switch for existing and newbuild
24. Encourage Local Authorities to invest in sustainable power generation and use the power in the fight for local Air Quality by using it for traction, steel on steel giving a total better return to the community.
25. To change the thinking that trams are expensive and unaffordable to the automatic thinking as a tool for urban climate change
26. Find a major funding sponsor from industry

## Parliamentary Business in hand at the recent General Election 2019 carried forward

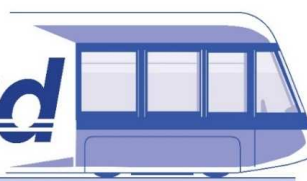
- A. Planned visit to Grenoble re their trams and solving pollution
- B. Planned visit to Dubai re financing new smaller tram systems
- C. We still have in hand an invitation to visit CAF factory and the "\*\*Wireless" tram in Zaragoza Spain sometime in the Autumn/Spring
- D. "Wireless" running is the next stage after TramTrain visit (Midland Metro"
- E. We also have an invitation by the Catalonian Minister to visit their Regional Parliament & Barcelona Tramways.
- F. We also have an invitation to visit Grenoble where trams are used for pollution control and to Poznan where they are using trams for the CBD, regeneration and a visit to their new high tech depot
- G. We are waiting for dates for a visit to Manchester Metrolink, Nottingham on a Monday or a Friday in the next session. Suggested dates please

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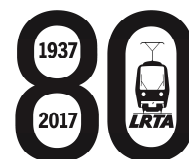
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