



Joint Meeting: All Party Parliamentary Group for Hairdressing, Barbering and Cosmetology and All-Party Parliamentary Group on Vegetarianism and Veganism

Held in Room O, Portcullis House, Westminster on Tuesday 25 April 2023, commencing at 0945

Attendees were:

Christina Rees MP
John McNally MP
Gareth Penn – Hair & Barber Council
Susan Scott – Hair & Barber Council
Claire Ogle – Vegan Society
Zaina O'Halloran – Curly Ellie

Moussa Haddad – V for Life
Hannah Weller – Veganuary
Nick Green – 72 Haircare
Sonia Ramanah – Curly Ellie
Mel Adams – Curly Ellie
Zahistha Gafoor – Masters student
Chris Fegan – Catholic Concern for Animals

Christina Rees MP, Chair of both APPGs opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

CR went on to say that this was the first time she had held a joint APPG and was delighted to welcome both the Vegan Society and the Hair & Barber Council.

Gareth Penn introduced the Hair & Barber Council, its goal of mandatory regulation for the hair sector in the UK and discussed the increasing importance of vegan products and a vegan alternative to the hair sector.

Moussa Haddad from Vegetarian for Life discussed the importance of ensuring older vegans' deeply held philosophical beliefs were respected and they felt empowered.

Zaina O'Halloran introduced the APPG to Curly Ellie products and that the journey to them becoming vegan was as these were the ingredients that worked best for the clean products she wanted to create, rather than it having started as a project to create vegan products.

Nick Green introduced the APPG to 72 Haircare, explained their success with salons and why there was a good commercial case for vegan products.

Both ZO and NG added that some of their greatest challenges were around getting major supermarkets and suppliers to stock their products as they were more expensive, and the supermarkets in particular were yet to understand that the consumer wants vegan products rather than just cheap products.

GP and Claire Ogley agreed to meet outside the APPG to discuss the possibility of using the Hair Council's network of high street salons as potential routes to market for vegan products.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 1045.