



All-Party Parliamentary Group for Transport Safety

Global Road Safety – during UN Road Safety Week 2021

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 18th May 2021, 14.00-15.00,
via Teams

(Draft for approval at next meeting)

Attendees (Members)

Lilian Greenwood MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP, Gagan Mohindra MP, Viscount Simon, Baroness Randerson

Apologies

Lord Bradshaw, Lord Berkeley, Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe, Naz Shah MP, Barry Sheerman MP, Jack Dromey MP, Matt Rodda MP, Sarah Champion MP, Theo Clarke MP, Wendy Chamberlain MP

(Over 30 non-parliamentarians also attended - names not minuted.)

Minutes

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Lilian Greenwood MP, APPG Chair

On behalf of Lilian Greenwood MP, David Davies of PACTS, welcomed the attendees reminding them that the meeting coincides with the UN Road Safety Week 2021. Lilian joined shortly after this and took the chair.

2. **Laura Laker**, Journalist, presented the [Media Guidelines for Reporting Road Collisions](#) which had been published that day in collaboration with the University of Westminster's Active Travel Academy. They focus on encouraging the use of accurate language in reporting, that which is sensitive to each situation and to all those involved.

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3. Global Road Safety

- a. **Dr Nhan Tran, Coordinator, Safety and Mobility, WHO, UN** spoke about the aims of the Second UN Decade of Action for Global Road Safety. Currently road traffic is the number one killer of 5-29 year olds, the target is to reduce road deaths by at least half by 2030. The UN week the focus is on speed, in particular promoting urban limits of 20mph / 30km/hr. Dr Tran stressed the need to change the infrastructure and not rely on enforcement. He also said how increased safety needed to be seen in the wider context of more liveable cities.
- b. **Jessica Truong, Secretary General, Towards Zero Foundation** spoke about tackling global road deaths, and the UK's contribution. She encouraged the UK to adopt the UN road safety targets and the equivalent of the EU's General Safety Regulations for new vehicles. She noted the UK's aid contribution to the World Bank's Road Safety Facility. £10m was provided in 2018 for three years and this is now due for renewal. She urged that it be maintained. The Global Network for Road Safety Legislators, chaired by Barry Sheerman MP, now extends into South Asia and Latin America. TZF are campaigning for road safety to be added to the Commonwealth and the UN General Assembly agendas in 2022.
- c. **Saul Billingsley, Executive Director, FIA Foundation**, presented on the UN *Streets for Life* campaign. He described the wider impacts of vehicles on youth, relating both to road safety and to climate change, and the benefits gained from active travel. Those present were encouraged to sign the call to action at [Streets for Life \(mystreet.org\)](https://mystreet.org), encourage investment in walking and cycling, supporting 20mph/ 30km/hr and Playing Out campaigns, and to urge the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to support the UN Road Safety Fund.
- d. The Chair thanked the presenters. Members' questions and discussion followed – time was limited.

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4. **There was no time for the remaining items (minutes, items and dates for future meetings). These will be considered by the co-chairs.**

The meeting closed at 15.15

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- Jack Dromey MP
- Matt Rodda MP
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- Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe
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