

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Sustainable Transport
Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
25th November 2021
Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)
12 March 2026 (<i>rescheduled from 17 Feb due to SP events cancellations</i>)
Date Annual Return Submitted
13 March 2026
Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]
22 January 2025
Group Meetings and Activities
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.
Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

22 January 2025**Attendance: 4 MSP and 3 non-MSP.**

Online AGM including: (re)election of officebearers, annual report and new member proposals.

4 March 2025**Attendance: 4 MSP and 46 non-MSP.**

Hybrid session. Theme: Transport & disabilities. Guest speakers: Hussein Patwa (Independent accessibility consultant), Douglas Bryce (Disability Equality Scotland). Followed by Q&A.

11 June 2025**Attendance: 3 MSP and 38 non-MSP.**

Hybrid session. Theme: Next actions for Government on tackling transport inequalities. Guest speakers: Fiona Hyslop MSP, Laura Hyde-White (Transform Scotland), David McGilp (Scottish Youth Parliament), Lyn Pornaro (Disability Equality Scotland), Margaret Douglas (Public Health Scotland), Heather Williams (Scottish Women's Budget Group). Followed by Q&A.

1 October 2025**Attendance: 3 MSP and 36 non-MSP.**

Hybrid session. Theme: Sustainable last-mile deliveries. Guest speakers: Oliver Lord (Clean Cities Campaign), Emma Bayliss-Chan (Royal Mail) and Toby Hiles (Grid Smarter Cities). Followed by Q&A.

2 December 2025**Attendance: 3 MSPs and 28 non-MSP.**

Hybrid session. Theme: Sustainable cross-border freight. Guest speakers: Tim Dexter (Transport & Environment) and Kathleen MacFadden (Highland Spring Group). Followed by Q&A.

12 February 2026 – including AGM (online)**2 MSPs and 27 non-MSP**

Online session. Discussed: annual return form completion; office-bearer (re)election & new membership proposals not required due to end of Parliamentary session. Theme: Sustainable international freight. Guest speakers: Christopher Whetham (Port of Aberdeen), Sara Duncan and Veronica Boyce (Scotch Whisky Association). Followed by Q&A.

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

**Graham Simpson (Conservative), John Mason (Independent)
Sarah Boyack (Labour), Mark Ruskell (Green), Liam Kerr
(Conservative), Brian Whittle (Conservative).**

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Patrick Miner, Aaron McHale, Richard Gale

Organisations	Allan Rail, Alexander Dennis, Age Scotland, CalMac, Capital Rail Action Group, Caledonian Maritime Assets (CMAL), CoMoUK, Community Energy Scotland, Community Transport Association (CTA), Community Rail Network, Climate Action Hub Lanarkshire, CPT Scotland, Cycle Law Scotland, Cycling Scotland, Cycling UK in Scotland, Disability Equality Scotland, Edinburgh Bus User’s group, Enterprise Holdings, Friends of the Earth Scotland, Friends of the Far North Line, Get Glasgow Moving, GoBike Strathclyde, Grand Union Trains, Heritage Railway Association, Hitrans, Intelligent Health, Levenmouth Rail Campaign, Light Rail Transit Association, Light Rail UK Group, Living Streets Scotland, Lothian Buses, LNER, Midlothian & Disability Access Panel, Mobility & Access Committee for Scotland (MACS), Motability Foundation, Network Rail Scotland, Paths For All, Pedal on Parliament, Rail Action Group (East Scotland), Railfuture, Railway Industry Association (RIA), Ramblers Scotland, RNIB Scotland, RMT, Siemens Mobility, Scotrail, Scottish Association for Public Transport, Scottish Canals, Scottish Rural & Islands Transport Community (SRITC), Spokes, St Andrew’s Rail Campaign, Stagecoach, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), Sustrans Scotland, Technology Scotland, Transport Focus, Transport Research Institute (Napier), Transform Scotland, Trust in the Park, Tweed Valley Rail Campaign, Women’s Cycle Forum Scotland.
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Group Office Bearers

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Graham Simpson MSP
Deputy Convener	John Mason MSP, Sarah Boyack MSP, Mark Ruskell MSP

Secretary	Transform Scotland (Laura Hyde-White)
Treasurer	Non-applicable
Financial Benefits or Other Benefits	
<p>Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.</p>	
<p>Secretariat support was provided in-kind by Transform Scotland in the form of staff time.</p>	
Convener Contact Details	
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