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BIG HITTERS JOIN RAIL CAMPAIGN

Rail campaigning group *Railfuture* welcomed some respected big names from the rail industry into its ranks at its AGM in Worcester.

The group's new president is **Christian Wolmar**, the well-known writer on rail issues.

Former Secretary of State for Transport **Lord Andrew Adonis** is now a vice president, as are **Adrian Shooter CBE**, former boss of Chiltern Railways, **Chris Green**, who was chief executive of Virgin Trains and a non-executive director of Network Rail, **Roger Ford**, who writes for *Modern Railways* magazine, and **Barry Doe**, an expert on fares and timetabling who writes for *RAIL* magazine.

Christian Wolmar said: "*I am delighted and honoured to have been elected president of what is an increasingly important organisation. Over the years Railfuture has shown precisely what its name implies. The railways have a fantastic future and the fact that this is now widely recognised in political circles is down to the lobbying of organisations like Railfuture. Now it is vital that the current levels of investment are maintained to ensure that Britain has a railway fit for the 21st century.*"

Railfuture's new chairman, **Dr. David Berman**, said "These people are serious big hitters from the rail industry, and their willingness to join us shows that our campaigning is on the right track. We hope that these respected names will further strengthen our work in fighting for a better railway for all".

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Christian Wolmar chaired *Railfuture's* High-Speed Rail conference at Bletchley Park in July 2011. Most of the newly-appointed Vice Presidents have offered to write for *Railfuture's* house magazine *Railwatch*, which is provided free to members and to the media on request.

Railfuture has around a dozen other vice presidents, who were appointed in previous years and are reappointed each year. They include **Ian Brown CBE**, who stepped down as Managing Director of TfL London Rail in November 2010, and **Lord Berkeley**, chairman of the Rail Freight Group.

See <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=vice%20presidents> for a full list of *Railfuture* vice presidents.

Railfuture is Britain's only completely independent voice on railway development. We are not affiliated to or sponsored by any political party, trade union, or private industry. We are funded almost entirely by our members.

Railfuture campaigns for Britain's railways to play a larger role for passengers and freight, calling for an enhanced and expanded network, including high-speed rail, along with light rail.

Rail is a vital part of an integrated efficient transport system serving a modern, vibrant, environmentally sustainable economy. We are pro-rail but not anti-road. *Railfuture* maintains that investment in rail travel and rail freight is vital to the future of the UK economy and environment.

Anyone supporting our aims can join online: www.railfuture.org.uk/join

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