

National Committee Attendance Sheet					
National Committee Meeting					Date: 09/02/2019
Surname	First Name	Initials	Region/Post	Present	Apologies
Armstrong	Michael	MA	Cumbria Rep		
Boyd	Martyn	MB	Contact for Northern Ireland		
Bridgwood	Alex	AB	Lincolnshire Rep	✓	
Brown	Colin	CB	Director Campaigns & Political Engagement	✓	
Carrott	Andy	AC	Vice Chair / Lincolnshire Deputy Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Carrott	Jane	JC	Minute Taker / Director TMAGL	✓	
Churchlow	Ian	IC	Director TMAGL / NEL		✓
Cox	Tony	TC	North West Rep / Director TMAGL / Trustee Foundation	✓	
Fawthrop	Tim	TF	Greater London Rep		✓
Gale	Aine	AG	Network Editor		✓
Hughes	Bill	BH	North Wales Rep		✓
Lavender	Selina	SL	Chair / Director NEL / Director TMAGL	✓	
Legg	George	GL	National Web Research Officer / Western Region Rep	✓	
Mallett	Steve	SM	South East Rep	✓	
Manton	Richard	RM	Yorkshire Rep	✓	
McFadden	Phil	PM	South Wales Rep / Trustee Foundation		✓
Mutch	Ian	IM	President / Editor "The Road"	✓	
Öpik	Lembit	LÖ	Director Comms & Public Affairs	✓	
Peregrine	Tim	TP	Southern Rep	✓	
Smith	Tracy	TS	South West Rep / National Repts' Liaison		✓
Vacant			East Anglia Region		
Vacant			East Midlands Region		
Vacant			Eastern Region		
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region		
Vacant			Thames Valley		
Vacant			Clubs Liaison Officer		
Wells	Graham	GW	West Midlands Rep	✓	
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓	
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Wilson	Rory	RW	Deputising for S. Wales RR	✓	

**Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting**

**Date: February 09, 2019 Time 12.00 pm**

**Venue: Wren Hall, Manor Lane, Wroxall CV35 7NF**

1. Introduction:

SL thanked all for attending and dealt with housekeeping.

All introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence:

Recorded on attached attendance sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

George Legg re-elected to post of Regional Rep (Western).

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

*i. Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

*To accept the December 2018 NC Minutes.*

**Proposed: Richard Manton; Seconded: Steve Mallett. Carried.**

*ii. Minute of any email votes taken between NC meetings.*

Votes undertaken in respect to identification of possible Patrons. Covered under AOB.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

None.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

The report opened with the news that MAG has made contact with the United Nations Environmental Programme to open a dialogue. There is an acceptance that PTWs “provide a short-term and immediate way to reduce emissions now” and this new relationship will be progressed.

One major issue that has been identified is that of ‘dirty’ fuel, a problem in Africa in particular. Analysis of diesel used there has shown that it contains up to 630x more sulphur than that used in Europe; and yet the fuel they are sent comes from Europe.

By working with the UN, there is the potential to move motorcycles from 'problem' to 'solution'.

Vision Zero – a multi-national road safety project that aims to achieve zero deaths and serious injuries on the roads now encompasses the promotion of 'active travel'.

ULEZ comes into force on 8<sup>th</sup> April with a charge of £12.50 per day for cars and motorcycles that do not comply with the emissions levels. A TfL impact study suggests that 4000 bikes will be affected. It has the potential to be the death of vintage vehicles generally and LÖ suspects that a legal challenge may be taken up.

Two potential courses of action were identified: sending TfL Certificates of Compliance (CoCs) and sending them the information that proves compliance.

SL noted that the Political Unit may well take a different approach as they need to be in dialogue with the relevant authorities.

In response to a question from DW, LÖ confirmed that, as yet, there is no information available such as a 'how to' flow chart.

A study has shown that particulate matter (PM) levels are 2,900% higher in the Underground than at ground level on a busy road. However, it has been stated that until there has been an impact study people should not be concerned!

The bike theft Roundtable has been shut down, ostensibly because it has achieved what it set out to do; however CB stated that none of the objectives had been achieved and he has not been invited onto the National Vehicle Crime Reduction Group. He will continue to attempt to get an in.

Following a question from TP, it was noted that it is early days in respect to working with the UN, but the goal is to establish a working relationship and link to the IMMA (international equivalent to the MCI, who are not interested).

AC noted that if the motorcycle industry is not prepared to work to protect motorcycling, MAG could find itself taking the issues directly to the manufacturers.

#### 8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

All present apart from IC, who was attending FEMA AGM.

No appointments/resignations and no Skype meetings.

Minutes of previous meeting to be amended before being circulated for ratification.

JS is looking at improving the deal for electronic payments.

The finance report was circulated and discussed and AC requested some further details.

Reminder to submit expenses in a timely manner.

The self-service for memberships is being developed.

TC will continue to work on the website, including drafting in volunteers for support.

There has been no FEMA meeting since the previous TMAGL meeting.

Three applications for the post of Sub-editor for The Road were circulated and discussed. One has been identified for JS to progress.

It was noted that the title of Director of Public Relations used by IM in The Road conflicts with other titles/roles; IM to remove.

The Board will revisit the SWOT analysis and progress via email.

It was noted that memberships can no longer be circulated to Regional Reps due to recent GDPR regulations and that Reps should request appropriate information/assistance from Central Office.

The Board is to investigate instigating DBS checks for key personnel and look at submitting a new clause for the Constitution to take to the next AGC in respect to this being a requirement. It was noted that, as a volunteer organisation, MAG has a duty of care.

Discussion regarding the Political Unit.

AC noted that MAG used to produce a leather patch and requested permission to obtain a quote for new ones.

TP asked whether there is a link between lower membership numbers and the constraints of the GDPR on contacting members/lapsed members. SL stated that it is too soon to be able to judge this. She also noted that Regional Reps need to be proactive in contacting Central and should have signed a GDPR compliance form.

9. Forthcoming events:

A number of events were noted.

10. Requests for AGM Observers:

Duly requested and arranged.

11. Reports (circulated on email list prior to meeting):

*i. Regional Reps*

British Independent Islands: (vacant)

No report available.

Cumbria:Michael Armstrong

No report submitted.

East Anglia:(vacant)

No report available.

Eastern:(vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands:(vacant)

No report available.

Greater London:Tim Fawthrop

Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, attended NC and delivered Mugs.



Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, Attended London safe streets at the Guildhall with Colin Brown, Went to GL MAG's MAG Monday at the bike shed and met with Javed Hussain re a biker radio station.

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, various phone calls to the ULEZ dept at TfL re NOx emissions, discovered that all foreign number plated motorcycles, unless pre-registered when entering the zone, will be charged and the owner will have to apply for a rebate.

Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, Attended MAG Monday at the Ace cafe

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Met with Anton Shalupanove to deliver mugs and attend a strategy meeting.

January 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Called Bauer media and organised for GL MAG to be put on the free list for the list for the ExCel bike show stand.

Called DVSA as a follow up to the Dec 11<sup>th</sup> call regarding testing for NOx, no movement, followed up with an email to the ULEZ department at TfL about accepting a CoC for all the motorcycles in that variant being accepted on mass and enquiring about the test requirements for NOx testing that the DVSA are waiting for. Also asked what they are doing to notify foreign vehicles that they need to pre-register their vehicles so as not to incur an automatic fine which they will have to claim back after the fact.

Helped Phil Hobden with a push to get more responses to the City of London (CoL) consultation, this included a half day leafleting bikes in the CoL. This did show a marked increase in respondents with a motorcycle bias

January 14<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Attended MAG Mondays at the Bikeshed and Ace Cafe, I started collate CoC's. I did further work on ULEZ including a briefing for David Williams at the Evening.

More organisation of the stand at ExCel London.

Trying to organise a meeting with Lilli Matson, who is responsible for surface transport at TfL.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Attended MAG Monday at the Iron Horse Sidcup

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> met with Lembit to discuss ULEZ and meeting with TfL, fuel additives and further campaign ideas

Jan 30<sup>th</sup> organised a stand at the Kent Custom MASH up on the 9<sup>th</sup> June with the help of Steve Mallet, hope to have the helmet park concession as well if I can get some help.

February 1<sup>st</sup> received confirmation of stand space at London Excel bike show, organised pick up and collection of stand dressing for the show and volunteers, card reader.

The rest of this week:

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> send of the ULEZ update to various journalists

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> organise a wreath for the Fred Hill run on the 10<sup>th</sup>

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Collect wreath

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Attend the Fred Hill run from the Ace.

I have just been offered a job starting in March that has a very flexible rota with short notice of days and times of work and is 6 days on 2 days off. I hope to continue to as much as I can, I also hope that I will get a few more people to help out.

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire:Alex Bridgwood

In the last couple of months we've had Christmas and the darkest part of the winter nights so much of our Region has been in hibernation.

Andy Carrott kindly organised and manned a stand at Springfields Motorcycle Show which was supported by local members, including myself. In all we had two renewals and two new memberships over the weekend.

Not much else has been happening but hopefully with the warmer weather inbound in the next few months things should change!

North East:Dave Wigham

Firstly North East MAG would like to thank all those hardy MAG folks that made their way to Durham for the funeral of Gordon our Deputy Rep on possibly the coldest day of the winter up until that day. It was wonderful to see so many people that cared and made the considerable effort. Thank you.

Forward Planning:

Currently we're planning the logistics of supporting MAG events this year. The Durham City show is going ahead but has been moved to the Bank Holiday Monday 27/5/19 when the City is open for business. The City Burghers saw the increased footfall and realised that they should have had the markets and more shops open!

For this year Blue at 100% has kindly sponsored us! Yeah but I won't say too much about that. Suffice to say planning is well under way and the event seems to be growing.

We have been offered the Tan Hill (Highest pub in Britain) for another MAG event and we're looking at that at the moment.

A trip down to Yorkshire by the Seine to collect tickets and publicity materials so we now have tickets available in the North. We're planning a couple of trips to Scottish event to see how well Stormin tickets sell closer to their market and to see if we can shift more MAP tickets as the Scottish riders seem reluctant to ride the extra 60 miles to the Yorkshire events and we can't figure out why.

Politically we're monitoring the Northern Clean Air Zones but these don't seem anywhere as draconian as the London ones and being the North East our councils are a bit behind the curve.

Northern Ireland:Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales:Bill Hughes

There is little happened since my last report. Have still to contact remaining Local Authorities in North Wales, but am holding fire on this until I stand a chance of some better weather in the mountains. Planning for our bike show continues. Am still trying to overcome the apathy and grow the group. It might happen sometime. We can but try.

North West: Tony Cox

**7<sup>th</sup> December: Board meeting MAG Central**

Attended the Board meeting at Central HQ, minutes will be available at [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

**8th December: NC Meeting, Ferncumbe Youth Club, CV8 1TJ**

Attended the MAG National Committee meeting, minutes will be available at [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January: - Moddey Dhoo Christmas Party**

Attended this event purely as a partying guest but still got chance to discuss the re-formation of Manx MAG with a few on the Island that are keen to see a local group get started again. Also making plans for the trip across with the MAG stand during the TTs.

**MAG Foundation**

Hoping to have a meeting with the other MF Trustees before the February NC meeting. Activities that we are involved with include the sponsorship of the rally wristbands this year for the MAP and STC rallies. Hoping that it will be a good opportunity to get the MF name out there. Need a good strapline and logo which we are currently working on.

**National IT Matters**

I am continuing to keep the National website up-to-date with the news items and meeting/contact details as well as the affiliated clubs page until the new site is ready for release. Trying to sort the issue out on the events page which is preventing new events being uploaded due to our CAPCHA key needing updating. Not getting much chance to work on the new web-site and still waiting to hear on how best we can allow access to others so that they can help with building and updating the website.

**Other News and future events:**

- Blackpool MAG functioning well. Plans well underway for our 22<sup>nd</sup> Rally.
- Red Rose MAG, Morecambe MAG and Manchester MAG still functioning well.
- Wirral MAG are still meeting but the rep Stuart has stood down so they currently do not have a local rep. Liverpool MAG meetings are to be put on hold for a while as the Liverpool Rep is going through some bad issues at the moment. Macclesfield MAG also to be put on hold for a while but both reps still happy to remain as contact points. Salford MAG still meeting once a month as far as I'm aware.
- Continuing to help produce and distribute the monthly NW Newsletter. Past issues can be viewed on the North-West MAG website. <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>
- I am getting very involved with the local lifeboat and quite often on call which leaves me less time to commit to MAG activities. Hoping for a new NW Rep to come forward at the NW AGM, same weekend as the Feb NC.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

Firstly apologies for missing Decembers NC but I fell asleep before! catching or rather not catching the Sleeper bad move, I blame an early start in Krakow, but at least I caught the Board meeting by Skype on the Friday and it gave me a couple of days to catch up on e-mails.

On 13th December went with Colin Brown, Andy Cameron, Glasgow Rep and Brendan Pollitt an Edinburgh member who had approached Glasgow Council about their proposed LEZ, to a meeting with Transport Scotland and Vince McNally from sustainable Glasgow at Buchanan House in Glasgow, only to find out that Stephen Tomson of Transport Scotland had screwed up his diary and the meeting was called off at the last minute. Thankfully Vince McNally saved the day and we had a very fruitful meeting with him in nearby Council Offices where we were able to enlighten him on many of the positive benefits of PTW use towards a nett reduction in emissions.



Meeting over it was time to head to Perth to meet Ian Garner from BEAR Scotland to review a study they had conducted on motorcycle accidents on the A92 in Northern Fife again a positive meeting with a chance to publicise Highways England positive approach to Motorcycling and a chance to investigate crash sites and details in the spring to try and determine measures which could be introduced to lessen the chance of re-occurrence.

17th January Re-arranged meeting/teleconference with Stephen Tomson of Transport Scotland an hour and a half's call with positive commitments on both sides to consider PTW's role in Scotland's four LEZ's. So we will be putting together Guidelines on Motorcycles for inclusion in Transport Scotland' LEZ guidelines document and a comparison of emission standards and emissions between cars and motorcycle and an undertaking by Transport Scotland to discuss with SEPA how they intend to consider treating motorcycles, ahead of a planned face to face meeting in March.

24th January attended and participated in a meeting of the Scottish Road Safety Framework Operational Partnership Group in Edinburgh, a fairly full on meeting with many issues discussed and some interesting submission including the piece on ISA from the German AA (ADAC) from the FIA conference on improving safety, circulated to the NC yesterday.

The meeting dragged on and I had to dash away before the close to attend a meeting of the snappily titled Wellbeing, empowerment, community and citizen engagement city policy committee to support and speak on behalf of a petition raised by Calum Moss to allow PTW's access to Glasgow Bus Lanes at Glasgow City Chambers, the presentation and question session went well, with a councillor on asking why PTW's had previously been excluded and being told they were for public transport only asked if that were the case why should PTW's be excluded given that cycles and private hire vehicles are permitted to use them. Another Councillor asked what else needed to be done to encourage the modal shift to PTW's given their environmental benefit over cars, we outlined some of the measures in Pathways for Progress and the positive result experienced by Northamptonshire Council. All in all positive and perhaps likely to be included in their 2020 Local Transport Strategy, though we will follow up with a full written brief to all Councillors and the Officer in Charge to try and ensure this happens.

25th January Responded to a consultation on the George Street New Town redevelopment in Edinburgh which threatens the loss of 28 Secure Parking Bays on George Street around 80 to 90% of the secure bays in the city.

27th January attended IAM Forum in Tillicoultry and gave a an update on MAG campaigns

7th February .response raising an objection to a TRO threatening yet another central Edinburgh Bike bay.

In addition to the above working on the comparison between car and PTW emissions and emission standards for Transport Scotland also preparing a definitive report on the disastrous mini Orca trial on Aldgate High Street, Colin managed to get some answers to questions from City of London Council through an FOI request I am now trawling TfL's collision map and background data for details of collisions in the area pending presenting a full report to the OPG of the Scottish Road Safety Framework which will hopefully stop any spread of this scourge North of the Border in its tracks. Also need to finalise my piece on autonomous vehicles for the road.

Also attended Glasgow and Edinburgh Local MAG meetings and dealt with e-mails.

South East: Steve Mallett

Attended branch meetings at Brighton, East Kent and N Kent.

10<sup>th</sup> Jan, Met up with 4 members of Greater London MAG and spent the day in the City of London putting flyers on bikes urging bikers to fill in the City of London on-line consultation document 'City Streets'.



8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Meeting arranged with Kent County Council at City Hall Maidstone to discuss potholes. This meeting facilitated by East Kent MAG member and Mayor of Dover, Susan Jones. Details will be in April Report.

The long promised improvements to PTW parking in Strood have finally been completed. More space and safeguarded by security bars. All persons involved, including Medway Council thanked.

Recurring spillage of road stone from overloaded lorries on the A228 (Isle of Grain) have rendered roundabouts very dangerous, particularly to PTW's. We have contacted the importers, shippers, local police and council etc and the situation has marginally improved. Needless to say, no one admitted any liability but least they know we are watching them.

The South East 'Magfest' rally committee has reformed. Hopefully Members from throughout the region (and maybe beyond) will be helping at the event but the main responsibility, organisation and financing will now be from Brighton MAG.

The South East AGM will be on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Tim Peregrine, observer.

#### Southern:Tim Peregrine

- Regional Reps continue to meet once per month, usually at central location, but option to visit Groups.
- Potential Venue for AGC and/or Activists Training being followed up.
- University of Southampton -transport research department, conducting a study into road safety and we need to recruit motorcyclists to take part. Members are engaged and sent invite to introduce to MAG
- Contact with Pete from Reading MAG, after AGC.
- Attended Thames Valley Coalition meeting, as includes Clubs in my Region.
- Groups regularly report poor attendance at meetings, although MAG felt to be well supported. Normally discuss how this can be addressed at each Group.
- Dep Rep has attended County Road Safety Council Meetings that are held. Excellent for communications and building relationships.
- Dep Rep very active locally for Ride Outs. Although these aren't MAG events, it is well known about his MAG involvement, so good publicity.
- Regional Donation to the fighting fund at end of November.

#### *Basingstoke*

Group continue forwards and holding their own.

Continue to support other Groups and Clubs in the Region and Thames Valley.

Basingstoke Festival of Transport Sunday attendance arranged - will give visibility to MAG

#### *Portsmouth*

Quite active.

Attending Transport Liaison & Portsmouth Air Quality Steering Group meetings, with positive aspects.

Colin will be attending next Portsmouth City Council Transport Liaison Group meeting - potentially with Bikes in Bus Lane benefits.

Group have moved venue due to poor service and attitude of old venue.

Enjoying the benefits of the Show

Enjoy mix of MAG meetings and social rides.

#### *Salisbury*

Group quite quiet but Officers active in community.

Questioned how Council can implement substantial road closures and use grip surfaces on Iron Works for cycling event and not permanently for motorcycling.

No event planned for 2019, considering options.

AGM held and Group looking to address poor meeting attendance.

*Southampton*

Group quite quiet.

Now established in new venue.

Building relationships with a Bike Night to provide "MAG in a box" attendance

*Winchester*

Group quite quiet.

South Wales:Phil McFadden

I attended the December NC.

Usual emails , and I find that contrary to my last report we haven't rescinded the alias phone number, as once again I've had a couple of calls from people thinking I was the DHL Complaints dept.

Some contact with new members, always pleasing.

Medwyn of Aberystwyth MAG has received agreement that the Foundation will support him to attempt to liaise with other Vulnerable Road Users & coordinate efforts/resources -first planning meeting is set for 6th February.

Rory will attend the February NC for S. Wales. The following day is our annual Fred Hill convergence at Llandovery.

South West:Tracy Smith

It seems that our local groups are all plotting and planning for events in 2019.

West Dorset MAG Alan Hill a bike show and are in the throes of getting some sponsors sorting their insurance and all the other bits and pieces that go with holding a show. They tell me they have been in contact with the Foundation in reference to the pothole business card scheme.

Cornwall MAG are advertising their End Of The Road Rally 20 tickets are already on sale. They are also holding a Fred Hill run.

Taunton MAG are advertising their tumblety rally and they also have tickets on sale, and their traditional Fred Hill Run to Shepton Mallet prison is happening again.

Mid Cornwall MAG have talked about campaigning one of the local highways department over cars doing U-turns on one of their main routes into Cornwall.

North Devon MAG are organising the North Devon end of a Fred Hill run to Dartmoor prison in Princetown. They have started preparing for their bike nights. They anticipate a slightly quieter year this year due to several personal circumstances.

Despite liaising with group members to pinpoint a date for Regional meeting that would be convenient for various shift workers we were unable to hold a regional meeting again. I have informed the group reps that I do not intend to stand for Regional Rep next year. I have given them plenty of notice to consider the position, so hopefully someone will come forward.

For myself I have been in contact with my local MP about the extension of the sentencing for dangerous drivers and we're looking forward to hearing that has all been passed; fingers crossed.

I have continued to be an admin for the National Facebook page and I have recently been part of a working group in discussions about the prospect of inviting a patron to MAG

Thames Valley:(vacant)

No report available.

Western:George Legg

Not much to report, due to ill health and other problems not been active, however hopefully this year will be better.

I have been re-elected as Rep for Western Region MAG.

By the time of the NC I will have assisted Bristol MAG, with a MAG stand at the Carol Nash Classic Bike Show at the Shepton Mallet show ground, hopefully we can sign up some new members.

Geoff Mills continues his most excellent work on the Local Transport Plans and ULEZ in Western Region.

West Midlands:Graham Wells

Not a lot happening since the last N.C. meeting, I'm still trying to encourage more people to come to meetings and rideouts which can be difficult at this time of year. I did persuade a mate from Cornwall and his lady to come with me to the Mad Cow rally, it's just a shame that no one else from the Midlands was hardy/foolish enough to come. Please accept my apologies for my absence as I am rallying in Wales this weekend.

Yorkshire:Richard Manton

I've had two meetings with one of my local councillors who is also lead for transport on Leeds City Council, sent him several emails and a recorded delivery letter, but these have yielded nothing, which has culminated in a letter of complaint to the head of Leeds City Council. I await the results of an investigation.

I've been liaising with our political rep and planning a strategy to push Leeds City Council towards creating a positive outcome for bikes in bus lanes which now will involve both Colin and Lembit - hopefully wheeling out the big guns can change this stalemate that's been going on for six years now!

I've been observer at the Wakefield MAG AGM where a full committee was re-elected.

Leeds MAG's AGM was supposed to be tonight but I've just had to postpone it until the 12th Feb as I've had lots of people crying off due to the weather warnings.

Planning is well underway for the Yorkshire rallies and I've also pushed for a mass attendance at The Dead End Rally.



ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair:

Attended December Board & NC meetings. Also attended the UnWanted MCC's New Year's Eve party and Bury St Edmunds MAG Mad Cow rally on the Saturday.

Regular contact with employees.

Contact with Vice Chair and other officers.

Significant amount of time on Thames Valley; their AGM will be 9<sup>th</sup> of March in Reading and I can attend if no one else comes forward from the NC.

Articles for The ROAD & BSH.

Administrative tasks i.e. minutes and email lists. Started a new NC Dropbox.

I will be hosting an open house for anyone interested in what being a MAG rep involves on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

In addition to my Chair role I have also spent time on my NEL role.

Vice Chair:

As usual our national Facebook page has thrown up interesting items. I have had dialogue with a rider in New York who is campaigning on congestion charging, parking, and motorcycle only checkpoints (MoCs). Ostensibly introduced because of illegal use of bikes, "stunters", and speeding, MoCs are seen by many riders as a profit making exercise. There is a problem with scooter crime there too. Other messages include bands looking for rally gigs, stolen motorcycles, and one simply said "I am a keen motorcycle rider I have 2 motorcycles". I really didn't know what to say to that, so said nothing.

I attended the December Board and NC meetings and continue to input to PRs and policy discussions as well as Board and NC discussions on email. A further article has been submitted to South East Biker magazine but this time I used something already prepared by Colin. I acted as the coordinator for the patron subgroup collating their responses and have done likewise for the NC patron selection process. Locally I organised and ran a MAG stand at a show where we were featured as the first image on the local newspaper web article for the event (fame at last). We also got 2 new members and 2 renewals. I asked a local motorcycle racer of some renown if he would join and he just laughed. I shall have another go next time I see him.

iii. *National Reps' Liaison Officer*

I have prepared a selection of emails covering a wide range of subjects to be sending out to the reps once a month. I have run through this selection with Selena and I have liaised with the Foundation directors and put together an email on their behalf too.

I have prepared some wording for both The Road magazine and network as I'm trying to make Reps and their officers aware that there are people here to support them.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.



v. *National Web Research Officer*

Continuing to Troll various websites for nuggets of info for the campaigns team (sorry guys :-D), some days there's virtually nothing then suddenly there is a shed load of stuff.

Also passing on items to Anne (Network Editor) for possible inclusion in Network.

vi. *Network Officer*

This time round this report will be a little longer than to say everything is going smoothly - February edition will be a little later than usual as I've been busy preparing all the paperwork for our Regional AGM which was held last Saturday.

vii. *Executive Officer*

**Offices** – No issues with in the office generally. We took delivery of the three MAG logo gazebos but we do not have much spare room to store these. One will be taken by GL region who will then store it and one will be given to Averill which will help. When time allows we will need to re-organise the stock room and hope that we can fit it in.

**IT** – No movement regarding the website as time has been limited. The group/region email lists have all been populated but now need the database to work alongside as lapsed members currently remain on the lists unless they unsubscribe form the original feeder lists. This has also become an issue regarding the 'Big' list, as they unsubscribe from the 'Big' list it does not unsubscribe that email address from the original feeder list which is a bit of a problem. I have spoken with Andrew M about this and we currently do have an issue if the 'unsubscribe' button is used, if they opt to reply to sender via email we can capture the original list where the address came from. To explain the 'Big' list collects email addresses from each of the group email lists, the activist list and the network list and this is repopulated every day at 00:01.

**MAG Foundation** – AGM set 9<sup>th</sup> February at Wren Hall. Some proposals have been forwarded and most have been approved. Finance report to be produced for the AGM.

**Staff** – The team areworking hard, Carol is as up to date as possible with regards to memberships and Campaigns really has more work to handle so have to be selective and realistic. Colin continues to work well and is making inroads regarding Vision Zero and has been asked to join the working group.

\*\*\* Lembit, Colin and I meet formerly on a bi-weekly basis and I am in contact as needed by each, this continues and works well the telephone conversations with the Chair currently remain weekly but will change to bi-weekly and as required shortly.

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The Employee Handbook continues to be under review, so that it is maintained.

SMART Pension continues to work simply and easily.

**Sub-Contractors contracts** – No change. Sub-Editor applications with the Board for consideration.

**My role** – The new financial year is well under way and the next VAT returns are due shortly. I am currently looking at the costs for our merchant accounts and payment gateway and have had a meeting with Barclaycard. On the face of it do offer a cheaper option. I will now get Worldpay in to discuss and hope that they will match their competitor's costings. I am also looking at options for payments at events without signing in to a long contract or to have to pay the high short term costs. I have a few concerns about this access by possible 'unknowns' to us which needs discussing further. I have not

been able to complete a GDPR/Data Protection Officer course, this has only been down to my availability/work load. I have not been able to hand over DD set ups to Carol as yet again this has been down to time limitations.

**Health & Safety** – no issues to report.

**MAG Member Benefits**

**MAG Legal helpline** – SorryMate leaflets are being sent out to all new/renewing members. Meeting with them on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

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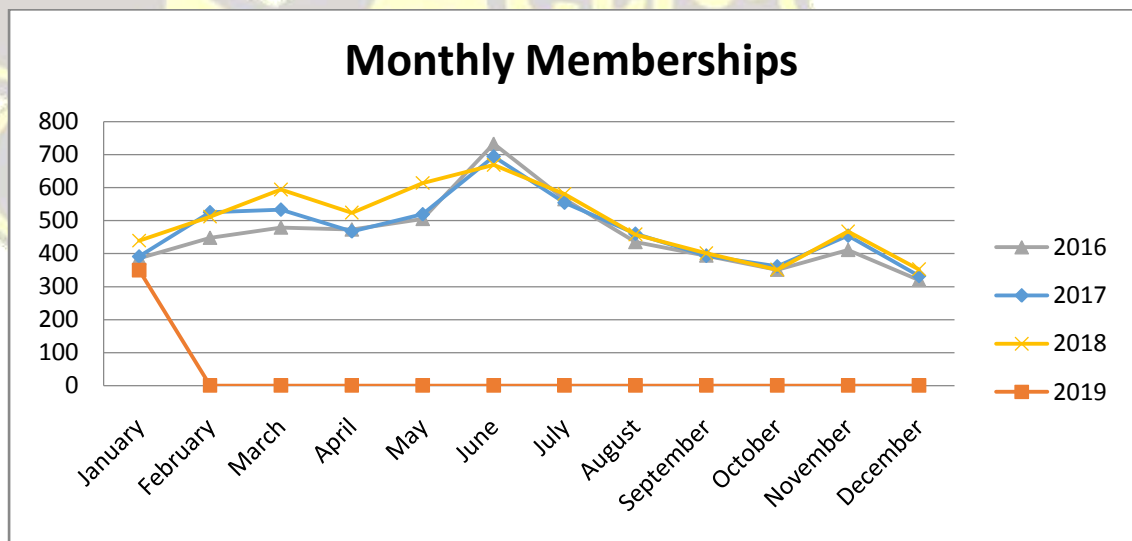
viii. *Finance and membership figures*

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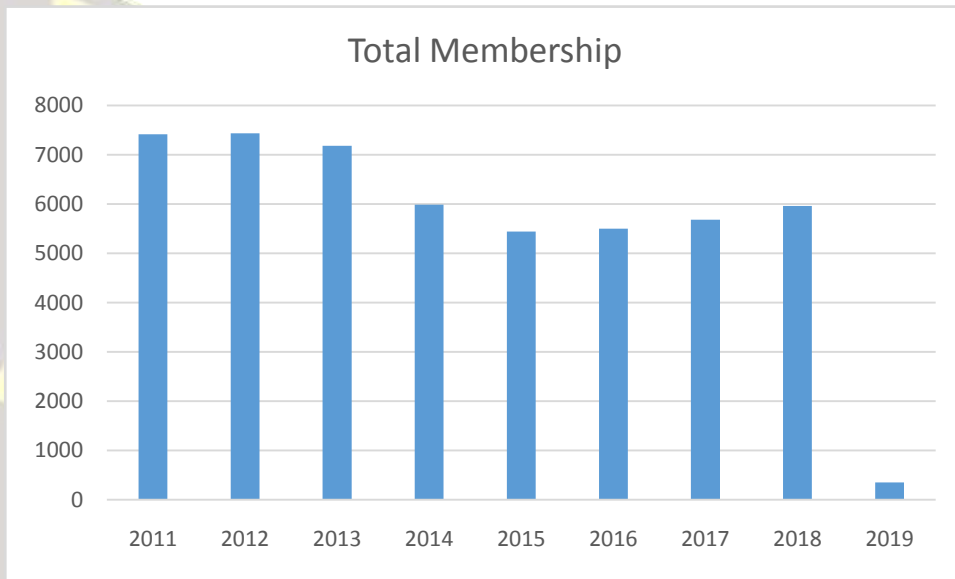
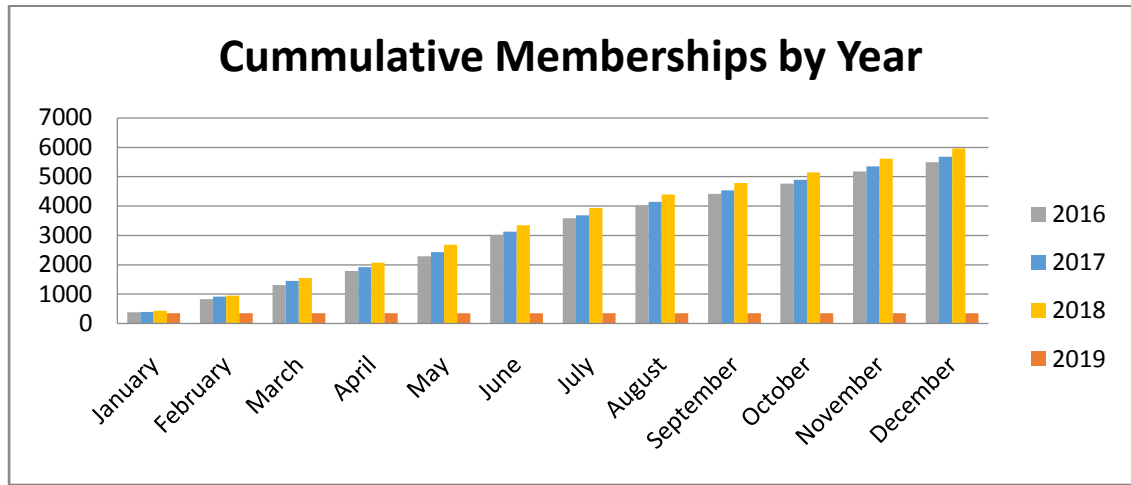
**Finance Report**

This is a brief report detailing any significant data which will allow you to see how we are financially for The Motorcycle Action Group Limited up to end of January 2019 (please note that these are draft figures until all standing orders/Bikesure figures are completed for the end of January).

The below graph shows that memberships by month have started off lower than the last three years, even with adjusting for standing orders and Bikesure figures this is lower than expected. Please note the graph includes up to the end of January 2019; these are not reconciled month end figures (as not all of Bikesure figures are included due to the cool down period of 14 days up to 20.01.19). Bikesure memberships for 2018 overall have increased with a total of 920 compared to 2017 641, so an increase of 279 memberships. Of the 920 membership taken in 2018 242 were renewals. In line with the overall memberships taken in January 2019 the Bikesure figures are currently down so far with figures up to 20<sup>th</sup> January we have 17 new memberships compared to 45 in 2018 but renewals have increased 2019 total 10 against only 3 in 2018. This will be monitored and advised accordingly.



You will see from the cumulative figures that 2018 showed an overall increase in membership numbers in comparison to the previous years shown. So far this year, in total there has been a decrease of 89 memberships, hopefully this will level out in the coming months.

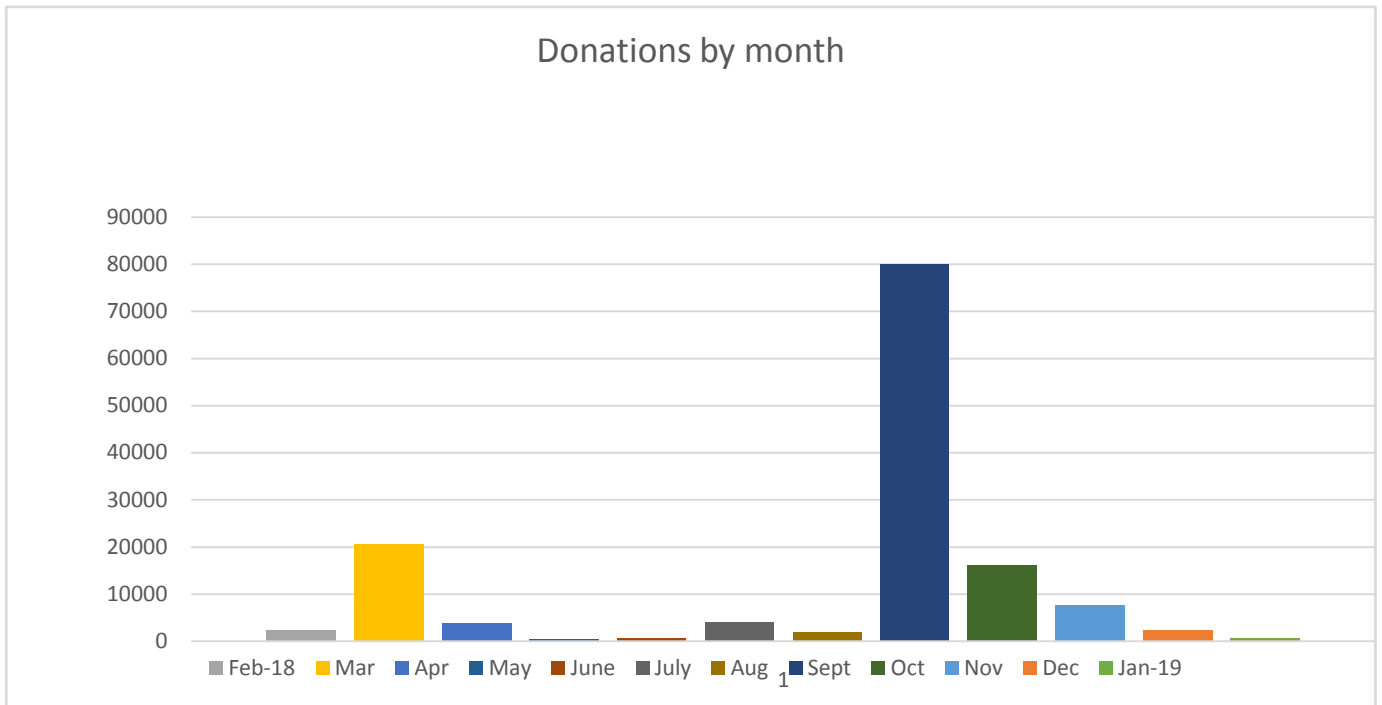


Plus 1,388 Life members and the database currently shows the total membership at 7519 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 18 corporate members and 112 clubs. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 89 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 06.02.19 or where indicated.

TMAGL	Lloyds – current	06.02.19	2622.85
TMAGL	Lloyds – instant access	06.02.19	195251.43
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	06.02.19	2047.68
NEL	Lloyds – current	31.12.18	1579.45
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	31.12.18	10885.87
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	31.12.18	14071.92

Reserves are currently at 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months.



ix. *Contractors*

Well after the last issue I had the pdfs to printers date written in big fat letters on my calendar. As it turned out things went pretty smoothly. No major rallies for this issue but there is always enough material to fill as I find increasingly have material submitted that won't fit or just isn't good enough. A lot of travel stuff these days but as I explain to people travel features really need to be pictorially led so if the pictures don't cut it, then we are not really off the blocks. After over twenty years of explaining the picture size issue I still get people sending me 100kb pictures and asking is this OK? I now take the view that this inability to understand image size will never end. No-one ever argues when I have to tell them material is not good enough but then I am very diplomatic about it.

I'm pleased to say that FEMA seem to be getting better at sending me stories proactively with regular notifications about what has been posted on the FEMA website.

Attended the Taunton AGM and the Western Region AGM in my capacity as NC observer. All went well and I didn't get lost.

Finally got around to testing the Hagon shocks so I could review them for the next issue. I always used to think that shocks were just things that went up and down but there is more to it than that as my report shows.

The number of corporates is a bit down which leads me to encourage you all to try and get your local dealers to become corporate members.

You'll find an article from Ian Langmaid in this issue about his electric scooter. It's interesting in that he is still struggling to persuade the overtly green community where he lives in Devon to accept that a powered motorcycle can be a good thing.

I expect you will all have noticed the return of Kevin Williams' road safety columns which gel very nicely with MAG's central philosophy that discourages embracing safety gimmicks.



Had a scare on this issue when the Mac suddenly started displaying hundreds of little coloured squares all over the place and then wouldn't restart. I took it, hands a-tremble to the local computer shop, one of the few in Glastonbury not selling crystals, incense or fairy artwork; yes he's a real weirdo round here. They switched it on and it was fine. Back to base I went somewhat bemused but happy.

I've bigged up the victory in establishing a good relationship with the UN which I unreservedly support.

In the meeting, IM stated he would circulate advert sizes in his advisory email following an error in this issue of The Road.

SL raised the issue of quality of resolution of content in The Road.

x. *Foundation*

RW reported that the MAG Foundation AGM took place in the morning and will circulate Minutes in due course. Several potential projects were identified for investigation.

12. Any other business:

i. *Approve AGC 2018 Minutes*

The Minutes had been made available on-list prior to the meeting.

*To approve the AGC 2018 Minutes*

**Proposed: Steve Wykes; Seconded: Richard Manton. Carried.**

ii. *Discuss shortlist of potential Patrons*

It was noted that this discussion is confidential and no names should be discussed outside this meeting.

AC outlined the actions that led up to this point: 23 names were submitted via the NC email list and a working group consisting of AC, JC, TS, AG and IM worked through the list independently to provide shortlists of seven in order of preference. AC collated this information into one shortlist: there were six clear favourites and a further four tied for seventh place. AC asked the members of the working group to list the four in order of preference and the one with most votes took the seventh place. These seven names were circulated to the NC list with a request for a list of five in order of preference. Four regions did not respond. One region stated that their preference was to have no Patron. Nine regions voted giving a final list of five in order of preference. It was noted that the NC has the power to appoint up to five or none.

AC stated that he felt that to appoint three would be appropriate.

RM stated that any appointments should be household names who are known outside of MAG.

AB suggested approaching the first person on the list only at this stage, so that MAG can learn from that experience to potentially improve the process for further approaches.

TP said there must be a clear idea of what we require from a Patron before they are approached.

AC said MAG needs to look at how a potential Patron sits in the media and what might constitute appropriate requests to the Patron (e.g. wearing branded clothing, attending events, an article in The Road).

To approach \*\*\* to see if they would be prepared to become a Patron of MAG.

**Proposed: Alexander Bridgwood; Seconded: Richard Manton. Carried.**

Working group to progress.

iii. *Bikes in Buslanes, Yorkshire*

Before opening this item, RM moved a vote of thanks for authorising a potential £1000 reward for information leading to prosecution in the case of a hit-and-run incident.

RM raised the issue of a lack of support from Leeds Council, following assurances that the Bikes in Buslanes initiative would continue. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) has discussed the issue in respect to its 20-year transport plan, but Leeds are against it despite coming under the umbrella of the WYCA.

The Political Unit noted that it may be counterproductive to release a PR just now (as suggested) prior to a meeting with them. However it was suggested that at that meeting the matter could be approached at a ‘think there’s been a bit of confusion’ angle to see if there is any movement. If not, then a PR may be appropriate, to name and shame.

RM to liaise with CB/LÖ going forward.

13. **Priorities:**

SL advised that there has been a change to the process of identifying priorities for the Political Unit, with this now managed by Julie Sperling on a fortnightly basis. This has been working well so will continue.

This item will be listed as “Additions to Priorities” going forward.

AC noted that an update on MAG’s work regarding the changed licencing regime would be helpful. LÖ to provide update.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Appendices**

**Campaigns Priorities**

**Colin Brown**

Action Point Priority	Action Point	Completion/update	Lead
1	<b>Resource Library</b> Create library of documents, references easily. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create library</li> </ul>	<b>ASAP</b> WikiMAG  Ongoing – no significant progress as time has been put into the safety in numbers research	<b>CB</b>  LÖ to support



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wales</li><li>• Ipswich</li><li>• Solihull</li><li>• Worcestershire</li><li>• Leeds Uni Research: Exposure to the traffic-related air pollutants particle number and NO2 when commuting by modes: Walk, Cycle, Car and Bus</li><li>• The Real Urban Emissions Initiative</li></ul>	<p>16/1/19 – not much help – need to go back to Simon Warburton</p> <p>Emailed Councillor Mark Shelford 17/12. No response to date</p> <p>Seems to be resistance, avoidance and delay all round here – Considering a letter writing campaign to local councillors from members via MAG mailing list</p> <p>Positive meeting – next step to contact Cardiff/Caerphilly councils</p> <p>Positive meeting – needs local follow-up</p> <p>Recent approach to Solihull council brought positive response from Sangeeta Leahy – will await further development</p> <p>Spotted an opening to push the agenda here – CB to make contact with our “man on the inside”</p> <p>Have achieved tacit agreement from Dr James Tate (Leeds Uni) to include PTWs in his research on NO2 exposure by transport mode. Contacted Manny to ask for volunteer for Spring 2019 – Local member Keith</p>	
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		<p>Maven has said he would help.</p> <p>Made contact with Rachel Muncrief of TRUE – “have not yet reported any data on motorcycle emissions. However we do plan to release something in 2019 (date TBD) that will also use data we recently collected in Paris.” CB to monitor and follow up next year.</p>	
3	<p><b>Crime/Home Office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAG Protected relaunch</li> <li>• Home Office</li> <li>• MCRG</li> <li>• West Midlands Crime Pilot</li> <li>• National Vehicle Crime Task Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing</b>  Emailed LJ 21/12/18 – No response to date</p> <p>CB to pursue calling for change to HO rules on vehicle crime reporting  No progress to date</p> <p>Date set – 26 Feb</p> <p>No progress since last report</p> <p>Making attempts via West Mids Police and MCIA to get representation at this – no significant progress</p>	<p><b>CB</b>  Support from TF and Steve Bolton</p>
4	<p><b>Receptions</b></p>	<p><b>ASAP</b>  On hold</p>	<p><b>LÖ/CB</b></p>
5	<p><b>MCIA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership working</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing</b>  Contacted Nick Broomhall – waiting for more than vague ideas that seem to be going nowhere  Attempting to speak to Tony Campbell re national vehicle crime task group</p>	<p><b>LÖ/CB</b></p>

<p>6</p>	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TfL</li>   <li>• <b>Staffordshire</b></li>   <li>• <b>National Young Rider Group</b></li>   <li>• <b>London Road Safety Council</b></li>   <li>• <b>City of London Riders Forum</b></li> </ul>	<p>Watching brief awaiting further developments – expect to discuss VZ at next meeting with Steph Bertolli</p> <p>Continuing work on Staffs groups – primarily young rider work</p> <p>Andy Adlington (Derby) is proceeding with this – he has invited Heidi Duffy of “Shiny Side Up” to join the group and I have recommended that LRSC “Wheels London are invited to join also – Next meeting arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</p> <p>Invited to join full LRSC to represent MAG – possibly to do a presentation at the next full LRSC meeting in April</p> <p>Attended first meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – interesting to see where this leads as it combines riders of PTW and pedal cycles. Talk of it extending to all boroughs and gives a good platform to push bus lane access if we can get the cyclists objections resolved.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sadiq Khan Meeting follow-up</b></li> </ul>	<p>Potential dates still to be confirmed – now expecting to</p>	

		meet with Steph Bertolli	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Promoting MAG Foundation</b></li> </ul>	Possible progress with pilot initiative in Wales for combining VRU groups in safety campaigns	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Modal Share and Safety research</b></li> </ul>	Some gaps in data being chased with TfL and DfT. Another week or so to collate all data and start presenting conclusions. The thrust will be to highlight trends and demand thorough scientific research to be conducted.	

**Campaigns Priorities Lembit**  
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<b>Action Point Priority</b>	<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Completion/update</b>	<b>Lead</b>
1	<p><b>Clean Air Zone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help riders secure exemption from ULEZ.4 tiers of action: a) c 2007- present, DVLA proof of emissions: b) 2001-2007: Certificates of Conformity (CoCs): c) pre-2001: group exemptions based on precedent: d) the rest need to do a specific emissions test for their motorcycle.</li> <li>Contact councils setting out MAG position asking for ULEZ exemption for PTWs</li> <li>United Nations: follow up meeting about emissions policies.</li> <li>World Health Organisation: ask for meeting regarding their ambient emissions health claims – by Dr Neira.</li> <li>CJMC/VMCC. Work with Roger Bibbings to challenge ULEZ implications for</li> </ul>	<p><b>Various</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lembit generated spreadsheet for key manufacturers so riders can contact them directly to get the right documents to secure an exemption. Work with Stephanie Bortoli (TfL) to negotiate this 4 tier plan. See also 3 below.</li> <li>Continue with this in 2019.</li> <li>First meeting held 2019 02 01 with UN representative in Nairobi. We agreed to pursue further talks and possible summit with manufacturers too. If London wants to be at forefront, seek delay implementing ULEZ charge on motorbikes till 2021. We would need to get alignment between UN and TfL. Consider meeting cycling officer Will Norman at TfL to seek common ground, as for e-bikes in cycle lanes. We can warn TfL they will lose the opportunity to Birmingham if they refuse to</li> </ol>	<p><b>LÖ</b> CB to support</p>

	<p>classic vehicles, 10-40 years old. 32 'mark specialists' are recognised by DVSA –they can award historic vehicle status. Can they extend duties to help with ULEZ status? TfL also need admin to cope with exemptions. Is there a simple, automated solution? ULEZ seems to VMCC 'theological' policy, not an objective one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input to Sean Bailey's transport policy.</li> <li>• Client earth: ask to work WITH them to reduce emissions in shortest possible time</li> <li>• Meet London Mayor's team Stephanie Bortoli.</li> <li>• Ad Blu and other additives could reduce emissions and help machines pass the tests.</li> </ul>	<p>cooperate.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Still waiting for reply yet from W.H.O. Lembit has followed up with Dr Neira again. Priority is currently U.N.</li> <li>5. Lembit and VMCC's Roger Bibbings working to challenge local authority subsidiary as nationwide consistency is workable and local variations aren't. We will educate Govt officers on the historic machine issue. Currently exploring idea of a summit with historic sector and officials. We'd hold that summit with other classic user groups.</li> <li>6. Submit document to Sean's team in 2019. Working forward via Keith Prince AM.</li> <li>7. MAG will contact again, but no response or acknowledgement yet.</li> <li>8. Stephanie Bortoli is now our key contact for TfL.</li> <li>9. Understand the potential for additives to assist with getting PTWs passed below the emissions thresholds.</li> </ol>	
2	<p><b>Cradle to Grave</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to amass existing information for evaluation.</li> <li>2. Manny has uncovered a compendium of CO2 emissions data from Guardian – covering everything from traffic to bananas, cycling and volcanoes.</li> <li>3. Explore UN position on this.</li> </ol>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submitted Parliamentary Question via Mr Law MP, to see if Govt has conducted any such analysis.</li> <li>2. Process this useful data from Manny, and investigate if this is a useful data set for us. NOTE: the assumptions within the analysis are usually the key variable. Also, incorporate latest info from George Legg, on emissions trends.</li> <li>3. Ask David Rubia (UN) if they've done any work on cradle to grave comparisons with ICE vs E-bikes. Long-term effects locally and globally need to be included in this.</li> </ol>	LÖ
3	<p><b>PRs and Media</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Position statement on</li> </ol>	<p><b>Continuous</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Done. Awaiting instructions from</li> </ol>	LÖ CB to



	<p>'tactical contact.'</p> <p>2. PR on UN.</p> <p>3. Maintain regular process.</p>	<p>MAG Chair.</p> <p>2. Out with PR team.</p> <p>3. Propose next week's plans every Friday.</p>	<p>support</p>
4	<p><b>Consultations</b></p> <p>1. Parliamentary Questions need to be submitted and followed up</p> <p>2. Read technical book on the issues.</p> <p>3. City of London consultations</p>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <p>1. Chris Law responded January 2019 and awaiting replies from DfT.</p> <p>2. Order book: 'Autonomous Driving, Technical, Legal and Social Aspects (Springer)</p> <p>3. Tim to lead on this.</p>	<p><b>LÖ</b></p> <p>Others as required.</p>
5	<p><b>Vision Zero</b></p> <p>1. How is the turbo roundabout doing in Bedford?</p> <p>2. 20's Plenty and Vision Zero nationwide.</p> <p>3. TfL and MAG to talk.</p> <p>4. Cyclists are scared of PTWs apparently. This is ridiculous and unfair, and contradicts VZ.</p> <p>5. TfL – work with them to accept VZ isn't actually literally achievable.</p> <p>6. VZ seems intimately connected with promoting active travel.</p>	<p><b>Developing</b></p> <p>1. Awaiting access to Crash Map data to conduct detailed analysis. Foundation needs to act on this to unlock that data. Until that access to it is denied.</p> <p>2. Bradford has announced intention to introduce 20mph zone, despite evidence against this policy. Seek local activists to campaign on this, OR submit formal warning it could make the Council liable for increased accidents caused BY '20's Plenty.'</p> <p>3. This will be an agenda item with TfL when we meet with Stephanie. Victim blaming in an advert is an issue. Obstructions increase accidents. 20mph zones don't work at all. Mind-set change needs to be achieved with the engagement between authorities and riders.</p> <p>4. Cyclists' lobby needs to be challenged head-on on abusing VZ as an excuse to perversely promote cycling.</p> <p>5. Include this point in meeting.</p> <p>6. Challenge TfL to explain the relationship between VZ and active travel, where there appears to be a contradiction.</p>	<p><b>LÖ/CB</b></p>
6	<p><b>Receptions</b></p> <p>1. <b>Parliament Reception</b> To be hosted by Timms MP. Theme is biker victims of</p>	<p><b>2019</b></p> <p>1. Hold in 2019 without MCIA. Lembit and Colin will manage this together as needed.</p>	<p><b>LÖ/CB</b></p>

	<p>crime</p> <p>2. <b>GLA City Hall Reception</b> hosted by Keith Prince. Themes are bus lanes &amp; ULEZ.</p>	<p>2. 2019. Consider delaying this for now on basis of benefit to MAG versus time cost.</p>	
7	<p><b>Membership – Politicians</b></p> <p>1. 2 per month and approach All Party Group members</p> <p>2. Organise a meeting of APPG with Chris Hodder</p>	<p><b>Nov/Dec 2018</b></p> <p>1. Keep pressure on through Rowan for promoting MAG membership in APPG.</p> <p>2. CCC has agreed to hold a meeting with MAG present at it. Need to agree date with Barbara via email, plus subject area.</p>	LÖ
8	<p><b>MCIA</b></p> <p>1 Work together where worthwhile on UN project.</p>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <p>1 Invite tony and Craig for something of great significance. Julie to reach out to Tony and Craig for a meeting at HQ to proceed with potential joint working towards a manufacturers summit with UN.</p>	LÖ/CB
9	<p><b>RECRUITMENT</b></p> <p>1 Membership recruitment strategy.</p> <p>2 Go to Chas's Bikes.</p> <p>3 Use ULEZ issue to invite riders to join – as MAG membership is cheaper than 3 days of ULEZ charge.</p> <p>4 Presentation for NC on benefits of membership</p>	<p><b>On-going</b></p> <p>1 Met with Ian Churchlow to formulate sales pitch</p> <p>2 Ask Chas's bikes what would make them help us get members.</p> <p>3 Employ ULEZ threat to encourage membership since MAG is last line of defence for riders of older bikes regarding ULEZ tax</p> <p>4 Presentation for NC is available.</p>	LÖ/CB