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National Committee Attendance Sheet					
National Committee Meeting				Date:08/02/2020	
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	✓	
Carter	Paul	PC	South West Rep	✓	
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	✓	
Seymour	Pete	PS	Thames Valley Rep	✓	
Vacant			East Anglia Region		
Vacant			East Midlands Region		
Vacant			Eastern Region		
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region		
Vacant			National Clubs Liaison Officer		
Vacant			National Reps' Liaison Officer		
Wells	Graham	GW	West Midlands Rep		✓
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓	
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep	✓	
Hesp	Gordon	GH	Observer, S. Wales	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: February 08, 2020 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Honiley Court Hotel, Honiley Rd, Honiley, Kenilworth CV8 1NP

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:

Richard Manton, Steve Mallett and George Legg all returned as Regional Reps.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted without revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. *Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

To accept the December 2019 NC Minutes.

Proposed: Paul Carter; Seconded: Tim Peregrine. Carried.

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

None.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

Circulated and amended.

It was noted that the Police Crime Commissioners elections are likely to take place around 07/05/20 and that motorcycle theft statistics have been uploaded to the MAG Wiki; Reps should contact the office if they wish to request relevant laminated details for display stands.

An FOI request for 2020 statistics will be sent out in February with the aim of publishing the results prior to the PCC elections.

There was a short discussion regarding motorcycle ownership in electoral areas.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

The Campaigns report was taken following the Board report due to NFL and PW attending at 1.00 pm for this section of the meeting.

(NFL and PW join the meeting)

LÖ and CB presented a run-down of activities since the last NC meeting. It was noted that Boris Johnson now has a motorbike, that Brexit has happened, that opportunities to present the case for motorcycling will be taken where available and that a stable Government going forward should be helpful in making the case. MAG is currently endeavouring to get a Parliamentary debate regarding modal shift from four wheels to two.

Chris Law has been re-elected as APPMG Chair and MAG will work with the Group regarding questions in the House, etc. It was noted that there is a need to get them doing more than they are currently.

There has been contact with former Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling MP.

It was noted that MCIA's CEO, Tony Campbell, had been scheduled to attend this section of the meeting but had had to postpone this arrangement due to unforeseen circumstances. He is now scheduled to attend the April meeting.

NFL asked about Mr Campbell's background and LÖ said he had come from Piaggio and before that the automotive industry.

Oxford is to introduce a Zero Emissions Zone (ZEZ) via a complex proposal with several phases. CB has submitted a response to the consultation and noted that the input regarding the first green zone will inform that of the following red zone.

Mike Penning has stated that so-called smart motorways are killing people and CB requested that smart motorways and motorcycling be put on the agenda. There have been two legal cases so far regarding deaths that have occurred in smart lanes.

Several allies are being cultivated, including:

A meeting was obtained with British Cycling where CB met with their Policy Manager.

A connection with IAM RoadSmart has already yielded the information that more motorcycle riders take advanced training than car drivers. They are looking for feedback from MAG regarding issues they can campaign on.

A meeting with Park Mark (a national secure car park accreditation organisation) went well and they are looking forward to including both disabled and secure motorcycle parking. This is being trialled in Leeds and W. Yorks and there are opportunities to include MAG branding.

CB is to present at a Road Safety conference hosted by the National Young Riders Forum, a relatively new group looking at safety for younger riders.

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MAG is now leading on Ride2Work Day, which is scheduled to take place on 15/06/20, with a launch event coming up on 13/05/20. SL will bring advertising flyers to the next NC meeting.

There is a possibility of piggybacking on British Cycling's Ride2Work week also.

There is an article about recruitment in The Road along with a membership form.

LÖ observed that MAG is the most person-efficient organisation he has ever worked for.

CB noted that MAG needs to make itself relevant to organisations that it may be able to work with.

Keith Prince AM is an ally and very supportive of MAG generally. He also has contact with Sean Bailey, the only realistic opposition to Sadiq Khan for the position of Mayor of London.

TF has requested volunteers to assist on the MAG stand at the Excel Motorcycle Show, taking place over the weekend of 14-16/02/20.

FairFuel UK are looking for volunteers to test a fuel additive that reduces the amount of energy required for a starting burn of fuel. LÖ has been using this additive and considered that it had improved fuel consumption efficiency.

DW asked why FF are not using commercial accredited labs for this work and was advised that they had approached two such companies, but it had not worked out. Their goal is to see the additive used at production level rather than remaining an after-market additive.

MAG is interested in this project because it may lend weight to the emissions issue.

Clarification has been sought regarding a potential end to use of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. There has been an announcement regarding bringing a ban on all non-electric car sales forward to 2035. LÖ described this announcement as a "broad ambition" at this stage. CB has been in touch with DfT, who have confirmed that any ban does not include motorcycles at this stage. Following on from this contact, MAG is now a stakeholder for meetings.

New data suggesting that such a ban is unfeasible was presented at an "End of ICE and petroleum in transport" conference, presented by Gautam Kalghatgi FREng, FSAE, FIMEchE FISCES.

It was noted that full electrification is not possible and that a more workable scenario will be to bring this in for personal transport, but not for HGV, ships, planes, etc.

The available infrastructure is insufficient to support the demands that will be put upon it, and is also cost-prohibitive. Mr Kalghatgi predicts that no more than 10-20% of transport energy will be supplied by electricity by 2040.

Summing up, it was put to NC that the problem is the threat to end of ICE machine sales for reasons of environment and health. LÖ considered that MAG has two options going forward: defend motorcycles as an interim solution or challenge the core logic of the proposal.

It was noted that although places such as supermarkets are likely to offer charging points, if they require more than four, they would require a substation to support them. This would be prohibitively expensive and in the event of a power outage, would be the first things to be shut down.

SL observed that MAG cannot do nothing and that there needs to be a decision on what the Political Unit and the organisation should do going forward.

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There were several thoughts expressed regarding how feasible successful electrification really is. PS said he felt that CAZs are a bigger threat and that, in the event that the ICE is saved, there may, in reality, be few places where it can be used.

NFL observed that, throughout history, reasonable compromise is what moves things forward and usually happens; in this scenario, all stakeholders give up something but there is enough in the solution to keep them all happy enough to go along with it.

He further observed that MAG's "giveaway" in the fight to preserve ICE would be supporting electrification in cities; i.e. public transport and cars for short commutes.

He said that the loss of ICE would potentially result in a reduced standard of living for many, and that electrification should concentrate on areas where it will work best; i.e. buses, trams, etc.

NFL then went on to put a proposal to NC that he felt would be an appropriate way of campaigning on this issue. He explained that it would be called ChiPT (Choice in Personal Transport) and would involve media-led campaigning that would be done by an employed social media team with the considerable funding investment coming from relevant big industry such as oil companies and vehicle manufacturers.

ChiPT would be a separate entity from MAG with no risk to MAG. NFL observed that LÖ would be the best man for leading on this, being part of a great campaigns team where LÖ has the contacts and CB the technical know-how. He further stated he was willing to be involved on a strategic level but not to run it.

He closed his presentation by stating that "if you're going to save motorcycling, you've got to mobilise car drivers".

In response to a question regarding funding of a new organisation, NFL explained that he is not looking for a large financial investment from MAG, just some hours from LÖ. He also noted, in response to concerns regarding a perception of 'throwing our lot in' with cars, that whilst there would be participation there would be no attachment.

He went on to note that LÖ has appropriate contacts and that he (NFL) would look to identify appropriate social media marketing personnel.

PS expressed concerns that with the increase in CAZs, we could win the 'big war' but have nowhere to ride.

DW noted that technology is moving quickly and cited an example of testing of dump trucks running on hydrogen. NFL said that technology eventually overtakes what is currently in use and then things move across to it.

SM observed that it is a 'quantum leap' to go from two employees to taking on the world.

(CB, SW and DW leave the meeting)

AC noted that with LÖ having previously reduced his hours, there would be capacity to increase them in line with NFL's suggestion. He also noted that if, with new technology, the goalposts move, we adapt. Finally, he stated that if there is no funding, there is no campaign.

RM said that no-one is denying climate change, but there is scepticism regarding how much humans are contributing to it. He said there had been no mention of ChiPT at AGC and asked for a brief explanation.

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NFL stated that he does not envisage it as a member-led organisation; more as a vested-interest that will mobilise voters.

PS asked about the potential structure of a new organisation; i.e. would it be a limited company?, a small operation?. He also mentioned the success of Extinction Rebellion as a social media movement.

SL stated that a full exploration is needed to look at the practicalities of setting up such an organisation and it was noted that NFL's proposal is actually Option 1 discussed earlier.

SL summed up in the form of a proposal to NC:

NFL to bring a full, costed proposal to the NC regarding setting up ChiPT. NFL to liaise with LÖ as part of this process and to research whether it is possible to draw down appropriate and sufficient funding from big business. Proposal to be brought to NC within six months of this February 2020 NC meeting.

Proposed: SL; Seconded: RM. Carried.

TC observed that the biggest threat faced is from autonomous vehicles, not electrification. He noted that there is still research into ICE and alternative fuels, and that MAG must not lose focus on two-wheel, single-track vehicles.

(NFL and PW leave the meeting)

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

Apologies received from IC due to attending the FEMA AGM. There were no interim Skype meetings. No appointments or resignations. Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Monthly Direct Debits will go live at the end of the month, in time for the Manchester Show where there will also be locks provided by Oxford to issue to visitors. DD forms will use the 7th of the month to collect monies and there will be advertising in The Road and Network along with a crib sheet for those working stands. Approval for an on-line joining facility has yet to be approved.

JS will obtain a log-in from Pensord for Board members.

The Board is to complete Myers Briggs training and JS will endeavour to arrange for this to take place prior to April's Board meeting. There is a possibility of social media training for NC members also.

FEMA has requested a joint MAG/BMF statement following Brexit.

Following a question via social media in relation to the Harry Dunn incident, SL to formally approach MAG's Foundation regarding supply of "drive on the left" stickers for hire cars driven by personnel from other countries/military bases.

GH stated that there seems to be an appetite for demonstrations at the moment regarding this matter and DW suggested that caution should be exercised otherwise the US may never comply with the extradition order served on the person involved in this case, using the excuse that they will not receive a fair trial.

Website and I.T. matters are progressing with training arranged. There is a possibility that the website may be in a position to go live around April.

SL has conducted JS annual review.

JS to submit information regarding industry standard pay increases to NEL, who will then take a recommendation to the TMAGL Board.

AC has reviewed MAG's social media statistics following a request to increase the amount of content being posted. He subsequently monitored the output of posts throughout January using national figures, excluding specific events, competitions, etc. He noted that training guidelines regarding social media output in relation to getting maximum impact from those posts state that less is more. It is clear from the official guidelines that increasing the number of posts would not increase the number of likes, comments and shares, the figures for which are very good and considerably better than those for a similar organisation used for comparison.

AC observed that there is room to improve the quality of posts, particularly relating to visual content, but that in all other respects, MAG's posts are balanced and at the right level.

It was noted that Twitter and Instagram could be utilised to a greater extent.

PS asked whether the 2035/bike ban issue had been resolved and was advised by CB that the relevant information had been received and a PR subsequently released. MAG has taken on Ride2Work Day and the Board has approved a £5K budget for a professional promotional video to be made, with the proviso that the main part of the video will not be time-sensitive so that it can be used in part for other events. It is also hoped to generate a number of new stills to refresh MAG's imagery going forward.

SL asked for a show of hands to indicate that the NC is happy with the work of the Board, which was forthcoming.

9. Forthcoming events:

None 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

I was informed that no NC report was submitted for the December NC report so a quick catch up from what I know.

We had our AGM in October and Peter Ramsbottom was elected as regional rep with me taking on the temporary position of deputy rep until I move in the summer of 2020.

Various branch meetings were still held but I'm not sure of attendance due to work commitments.

GL MAG is still active on social media with a strong bias towards rider safety and fatalities. We are lobbying for motorcycle exemption to the ULEZ extension in 2021, and our team regularly includes GLA and TfL personnel in our posts. Unfortunately, a member of the public (and former MAG member) is including us in posts to TfL, etc, that are verging on aggressive.

In December Peter Ramsbottom secured a new job and virtually dropped off the MAG map, I've taken on the RR position, until I move, I'm trying to get a point of contact organised for the region but have been unsuccessful so far.

I have managed to get Alex Cohen to volunteer to take over the organisation of the Fred Hill run and we are organising this years together, I won't be able to attend but have Steve Mallet and his team coming this year and they will help out on the day if needed.

Again, this year, we have a last-minute space at the Carole Nash/MCN bike show at the ExCel centre in London. We only have a couple of weeks to organise this and as usual, we have a challenge to get volunteers, material to the show and back again. After last year it was decided that we really need about 6 people to be on the stand every day so that people could get to see the show, and enough breaks and meals. As we get 4 free passes a day, we will pay for 2 passes a day out of our funds.

Due to work I cannot be there all day but hopefully I can start work later in the day so that I can be there for a couple of hours in the morning. This means that we needed a stand manager for the Show and Mark Griffin has stepped up for this year and if it doesn't go horribly wrong will do it next year. Again, this year Steve Mallet, JC Quinton, and Pete Paley are helping to set up the stand and have volunteered to do the Friday. I don't know how we would do this every year without Steve and his team!

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

No report submitted.

North East: Dave Wigham

North East Regional Report

Very quiet start to the year.

Attended Dec NC meeting.

Regional Meeting held and chaired 6th Jan

Local meetings chaired 20th Jan and 3rd Feb.

Will be at the NC on the 8th

Independent Observer for North West 9th Feb

Liaising with Durham City re City Centre Show which I'm pleased to say has now become an annual event in the City diary.

Have made contact with Northumbria Police and as a region we have been asked how we can support Operation Benelli. Operation Benelli is Northumbria dedicated Motorcycle anti-crime unit. We have been trying for some years to get involved with the northern constabularies with little success as we're not a box they have to tick. Thank you to Colin for making the breakthrough as this had been highlighted as a priority for 2020 and it's come at a fortuitous time.

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Again, due to my health situation I have been relatively inactive over the last few months, but I see the consultant at the end of this month and hopefully I will get the OK to ride again so I will be able to get active again. When I can ride, I intend to continue getting around the relevant Local Authorities in North Wales with regard to ascertaining their policies regarding PTWs to get a clear picture of the different attitudes in the authorities in this region.

Last week I kicked off the monthly meetings which I had to suspend. As expected, there was the usual lack of interested bikers although I was encouraged when 3 scooterists turned up. All good news to me.

We have set a date for the 2020 Abergele MAG bike show as the 13th June, bringing it a week earlier as the last two years we have clashed with a local carnival which is always supported by a big local bike club. Over the three years we have run it, it has got better each year, so with the

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possibility of support from another bike club and the Local scooter clubs, hopefully this year will be better again. Who knows, we might even make a profit this year.

Whilst I am aware that I have not been able to attend any NC meetings for a while as is required by the rules, please rest assured that I am still doing what I can to promote MAG in the region and fight for a better deal for PTWs.

North West: Tony Cox

13th December: -Board meeting MAG Central

Attended the Board meeting at Central HQ, minutes will be available at www.mag-uk.org.

14th December: - NC Meeting, Wren Hall, Wroxley

Attended the MAG National Committee meeting, minutes will be available at www.mag-uk.org

24-26th January: - Moddey Dhoo Christmas Party Douglas IOM

Went across to this annual event with members from Blackpool MAG & Jesters MCC. Managed to get around many of the biker venues distributing leaflets and copies of the Road. In discussions with some of the local bikers and businesses about the logistics of our trip over to the TTs again this year with the MAG Stand. Still hopeful to get Manx MAG up and running again.

29th January: - Motorcycle Alliance Meeting, Union Riders MCC, Eccles

Very well attended meeting of NW MCs & MCCs. I have taken over some of the tasks that Daryl was doing before he passed away and trying to keep the events calendar up-to-date and circulating the minutes which Bill Green, Red Rose MAG Rep, takes at each meeting. This meeting was chaired by the Manchester MAG Rep Jimmy Torrence and showing that MAG is very much a part of this initiative.

MAG Foundation

The Foundation has agreed to give a substantial donation to SMART North West, a group that has been operating since August 2018 with over a hundred bikes recovered to date. I still need to firm up in what form we make the donation, cash or goods. I have also struck up a deal with Oxford products to get a decent disc lock and reminder cable for cost price which will work out at ~£12 for items that retail at ~£29. I am hoping to get twenty of these to give away at the Manchester Bike Show as freebies to new members or existing members who sign up to direct debit payment. We are also planning on getting some new "Think Bike" stickers made for inside windows and also as bumper/pannier stickers.

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. Myself and Mark Young are due to do some WordPress training in a couple of weeks' time to assist with the launch of the new site.

Other News and future events;

Blackpool MAG had their AGM and Lee Robinson aka Grobo, was returned as Local Rep with Mark Williams as Deputy Rep. I was unable to attend as on lifeboat rota. I have designed and published the event posters for the rally and bike show in Stanley Park.

Manchester Bike Show premium stand space secured in contra deal with the organisers. We are busy distributing flyers around the region.

Red Rose MAG meetings are on hold at the moment whilst the pub they use as a meeting point is re-furbished.

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Morecambe MAG has a change of meeting venue.

Salford & Manchester MAG still functioning.

Wirral MAG's functioning well and hoping to get a meeting arranged with key members of SMART North West.

MAG at IOM TT 2020 is underway with adverts going in this edition of the Road on a contra deal.

Liverpool MAG & Macclesfield MAG meetings still on hold but both reps still happy to remain as contact points.

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>.

It will be the NW MAG AGC the day after NC Meeting. I will be hoping to step down as NW Rep as I have less time than ever to dedicate to regional matters due to work & RNLI commitments, but I have no one willing to take over as yet and I won't leave the position vacant.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

Friday 6th December took part in Board meeting by Skype.

Saturday 7th December Attended NC Meeting at Honiley.

Thursday 23rd January Participated in Scottish Road Safety Framework Workshop.

This workshop was part of a series looking at the future aims and targets for the Road Safety Framework to 2030 and beyond. While to date the targets originally set for reduction in KSI and injuries to 2020 from the baseline figures, were for the most part achieved, although serious injury figures failed to reduce below the target set. Consultants had suggested that realistic targets for 2030 taking all forecasts and predictions for traffic, technological and population changes into account, would be a further 40% reduction of Casualties. Despite these predicted targets being advised as realistic the OPG have decided to set more challenging target reductions of 50% for all casualties and a totally un-realistic Target reduction in child deaths of 100% with an equally unrealistic goal of making Scotland roads and road users the safest in the World. These may be fine as aspirations but are unlikely to be even close to being achieved without dramatic changes in funding, licensing and draconian interventions. Further public consultation is set to take place in February/March.

Apart from the above have attended Edinburgh and Glasgow local meetings and dealing with e-mails.

South East: Steve Mallett

Aylesford motorcycle parking, the continuing saga. We continue to work with Tracey Crouch MP and have also brought Triumph Owners, Bexley on board. Their Roger Roud is Deputy Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling and he is keen to get involved.

Tracey Crouch was on BBC radio Kent this morning (27th Jan) speaking about the danger of smart motorways on the eve of the M20 becoming 'Smart'. MAG SE have offered to assist in any way we can with her campaign.

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Prior to the General Election I wrote to all the candidates in Gravesham (Cons, Lib, Lab and Green) putting the 5 questions recommended by MAG some months ago + an additional one about the Lower Thames Crossing. The one thing they had in common was an aversion to 'pay for access roads' with particular reference to the LTC.

The LTC are holding yet more consultations around our area. Although outwardly they are keen to speak in general terms about their wonderful plans, they remain very elusive when approached on specifics, i.e. Tolls and L plate m/c access.

Subsequently spoke to Highways England on their '0300' generic line and asked for details of tolls. Also, pointed out that the latest report on modifications to the LTC, in light of previous consultation, is not accessible via the latest LTC fb link. All this info will (can you believe it?) be sent to me personally by email 'within 14 working days'.

29/1/20 spoke on a BBC radio Kent phone-in about the LTC. Tolls, access and the fact that it is routing heavy traffic from Northern Europe, via the Channel ports and most of it then goes to the Midlands and North of England. A joined-up transport policy would surely promote a vastly improved ferry link from Holland to, say, Immingham. This would relieve the traffic chaos in Kent and Essex.

We held our SE AGM on Jan 26th, 26 x members, 1x non-member + observer attended. Many thanks to Tim Peregrine for observing. The same Officers (Self, JC Quinton, Chris Atkins) were elected, in spite of several group emails urging others to get involved.

In AOB GDPR was discussed; there is a general dissatisfaction with the restrictions this places upon Reps when they want to contact members/chase up lapsed members. I hope to put this before the NC with a few suggestions.

The 2020 SE rally is gathering momentum again under the guidance of Brighton MAG's Sandy Moon with bands and entertainers booked already.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

- Region has met once in the New Year and next meeting planned.
- Donation cheque agreed and sending to Central
- Generally quite quiet around, however monitoring known situations and issues.
- Monitoring acoustic camera trails in and around the region.
- Monitoring Communities Against Noise and Speed (CANS) A32/A272 group who held a busy inaugural meeting, Jan 2018. A new meeting is being held 8th Feb, which Dep Rep is attending. In summer 2019 Hampshire RPU completed 5 operations carried out (3 on Wednesdays, 2 on Sundays). 19 x Cars/Vans stopped & 55 x Motorcycles stopped. Unfortunately, the results played into the Group's hands and include; 24 x offences of excess speed & 33 x offences of altered exhausts - although it is unknown what the vehicle groups were for these.
- Direct council contact for "meet the Contractor for the Stubbington Bypass" event.
- Deputy Rep is attending Road Safety Forum South - one of Hampshire's three forums.
- Deputy Rep is attending Portsmouth Transport Liaison Group. Portsmouth is one of 61 local authorities mandated by central government to improve air quality within the "shortest possible time", which can't be achieved by not charging, so Portsmouth City Council are proposing to introduce a class B Clean Air Zone; Buses, coaches, taxis, PHVs and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), So – no charge for private cars or PTW's..... yet! However, should these measures not lower pollution levels sufficiently, further charges could / would follow. PCC has funding in place

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to provide a further 79 charge points for electric vehicles within the city. They are also planning road improvements to support public transport movements.

- I observed SE Regional Meeting and saw Steve and the other officers returned. Approx 25 in attendance, including a local Councillor (rider and club member) who was observing and highlighted pothole aspects.

Activities reported by the Groups:

- **Basingstoke**

Supporting other Groups and Regions, involved with Thames Valley.
Planning for AGM.
Planning for Basingstoke Festival of Transport 2020 stand.
Quite quiet numbers on the ground.

- **Portsmouth**

Meeting held with Port Solent, Show venue. Changes due to new ownership which will see some changes in the show but felt to be positive & date set for 6th September.
Group enjoyed sociable Christmas meal and good support.
Regional Dep Rep. attended Portsmouth City Council meetings as noted earlier.

- **Salisbury**

After long discussions and hard work from the Rep. Secure Parking installed for Motorcycles in two of the cities areas. Under plans it has been noted that the parking areas may be developed and requested that if secure bays are removed then alternatives supplied in the city.
Monitoring Wilts. Council consultation on Central Area Framework.
Using Monkey Butt and doesn't seem to be getting much traffic.
AGM postponed due to weather, venue and lack of active members.

- **Southampton**

Good support for the Group.
Last ride out for friend of the Group and well-known local rider.
Small Rally secured at new venue. initial steps with the venue to test what can be done there.
Looking to confirm new meeting venue.

- **Winchester**

Group enjoyed a good social Christmas meal.
Still meet regularly, but small numbers and support the Region.

South Wales: Phil McFadden

Perhaps due to the weather, South Wales is quiet at the moment.

I've had contact with a couple of members and put a couple in touch who are interested in becoming active about bike thefts. Also had contact with Gordon who many of you met at February NC, a Storm rider.

Unfortunately, the weather put the rest of us off our Fred Hill plans. The annual confluence was postponed but may be cancelled again with further storms on the way: therefore, the EGM was also postponed. Consequences are still flying about in the flotsam of trampolines and fence posts, along with a lamp post which I couldn't avoid last Friday.

Fortunately, I was in my car so only buckled a wheel, if I had been on the bike you wouldn't be reading this.

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I have many times felt extremely honoured to be RR for South Wales, and have often enjoyed NC, but feel crummy for neglecting you for at least the last year, so it's time to move aside. See some of you in a field, if not at AGC.

Best of all possible wishes

South West: Paul Carter

Not much to report this time.

I attended the South West meeting on the 12th Jan. A well-attended meeting with some lively discussions.

I also attended a N Devon group meeting.

I have been to some group evenings held by N Devon group. These included a Christmas dinner, a trip to see the Cats film and an evening bowling followed by a Chinese meal.

A few members from both N Devon and Taunton groups are going on various Fred Hill rides.

Thames Valley: Pete Seymour

No report submitted.

Western: George Legg

Due to various bouts of the Lurgy I have not been very active since mid-December!

However, I did manage to drag myself along to the Western Region MAG AGM where I was re-elected as the Regional Rep, Oh, and Mutchie, who observed our AGM, actually turned up early!

Geoff Mills continues to do Stirling work on the local LTPs, even getting them to mention Motorcycles in the LTPs!

Unfortunately, I was unable to help Bristol MAG with their stand at the Carol Nash Classic Bike Show held at Shepton Mallet; however, Joe, their Rep, sent me his report:

"We signed up 10 people 8 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Eddie and me (Joe) manned the stand both days with help from Tim and Claire on Saturday and Big Nick and Mark Whitehead on Sunday. Lots of people visited to say hello and lots of people had a chat and left with a copy of the Road. The Prez visited us on Sunday and bought us all coffee!!!!!! We sold a few political irritant sweatshirts and t shirts and buffs but I haven't counted up yet."

West Midlands: Graham Wells

Hello all, firstly I apologise for not being at the meeting as I will be at the Dragon Rally in sunny Snowdonia.

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I don't have much to report, I've been attending the Black Country and West Midlands meetings and recently went to the Rocket 3 launch at the local Triumph dealer where I got one person to agree to come to a meeting, of course he may have agreed just to shut me up, we shall see.

Birmingham council launched their draft transport policy on the 13th January and myself and Colin were there to hear it and arrange meetings with councillors in the near future. The consultation period is now open so I'm now encouraging people to respond to the survey.

That's it for now I've got to go and pack my thermals, waterproofs and aqualung.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

I've been very busy over the past couple of months.

As well as running Leeds MAG I've arranged a virtual husting, inviting all LS and BD postcodes to answer some policy questions appertaining to motorcycles, to feed back to our members. I passed the same questions out to the other Yorkshire reps and they did the same to their local candidates. This was a very successful way of engaging with candidates of all parties and feedback from members was very positive.

I coordinated all reps to send a congratulations email to all new/returning MP's. This has yielded a few meetings with MP's which is a great opportunity to tell them who we are and what we do.

Myself and Colin had a very productive meeting with the West Yorkshire crime reduction officer and Park Mark car park accreditation scheme regarding adding secure motorcycle parking to the new accreditation level called Park Mark plus.

I've observed the Wakefield MAG AGM with Steve Travis being returned as Rep for the 17th year!

Oliver Rose announced that he wasn't standing again as South Yorkshire Rep so after a couple of email pleas that fell on deaf ears, I approached the old Barnsley and Doncaster Rep, Stuart Hatfield who was duly elected at the beginning of January. Stuart has lots of ideas so hopefully we'll all see a lot more action from South Yorkshire MAG.

I've attended at least one meeting at all five Yorkshire groups.

Tomorrow is the Leeds MAG AGM where hopefully I won't be returned as rep, but I'm not holding my breath on that one.

ii. Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair:

Board & NC meetings.

Contact (email, phone, in person) with members, employees & NC members including Vice Chair.

Administrative task, there is a wide range of things that happen between meetings including collating Trollings and issuing minutes.

Articles for BSH & The ROAD.

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Attended Springfield's Motorbike Show (as a visitor) where MAG had a stand, in my opinion the show was quiet in terms of traders and visitors.

Attended and worked at the Bury St Edmunds MAG, Mad Cow Rally. Pre-books and Friday night visitors were down but Saturday night was busy. Early indication is that the event made money and a donation will be made to the fighting fund following their AGM at the beginning of April.

Planned a few events to attend this year and shared some MAG posts on Facebook.

As a NEL Director carried out Julie's annual review.

Vice Chair:

I attended the December Board and NC meetings. I organised a stand at a local event which had members from two regions helping out. The show was very quiet, but we took 3 renewals. I have been preparing some data on our Facebook output for discussion at the forthcoming Board and NC meetings. A further article for South East Biker has been submitted, promoting attendance at MAG events. I continue, along with others, to administer the national Facebook page and support production of PRs. Plus, all the usual Board and NC emithers. I have recently renewed a dialogue with a riders' rights activist in New York and will write an article for The Road in due course.

iii. *National Reps' Liaison Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

v. *National Web Research Officer*

I'm continuing to delve into the inter-web for noteworthy stuff both for the Political team and the Network Editor.

vi. *Executive Officer*

Updates

Offices – No issues at the office.

IT – Website has come to stand still as training not completed – this is booked for 20th February (the earliest opportunity). Old site content is now regularly been brought up as out of date (Campaigns no input since 2015). I still have to liaise with Colin and Lembit on how best to present the Campaigns and News pages for the new site – Colin has come forward to assist with adding content. The intention was to launch the new site once the Home and joining pages were

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completed at this Board meeting unfortunately for many reasons this is not possible. A more realistic time frame is the April meeting.

The Database is in transition further update may be available for the Board meeting.

The extended date for the website has not allowed a plan to be formulated as yet. We are still hoping to get the Facebook likes to be turned into physical members.

MAG Foundation – Nothing to report at this stage.

Staff – The office remains busy with all working on various issues, Carol continues to ensure memberships are well looked after. I am still to look at passing on the events, meetings and corporates, time unfortunately has not allowed for this to be done. All other work is up to date. Colin is busy as CAZ and now ZEZ consultations have started to appear with a short timeframe but is so far managing well. Lembit after our first meeting of the year feels more empowered working to get an updated Government Motorcycle Policy (the previous one was dated 2005) *** Colin and Lembit have found that this may be the way to get modal shift included in local government transport policies and CAZ/ZEZ's. ***

The Employee Handbook continues to be under review, so that it is maintained and up to date with legislation. New legislation is coming in which may affect our Contract of Employment documents – I am investigating further. This may also affect contractors as Inland Revenue are hitting businesses that use contractors permanently, some wording amendments may be necessary to ensure that the contractors do have other forms of income. I have not had the opportunity to investigate further at this time.

Sub-Contractors contracts – Mr M has accepted that The ROAD was below standard for the December released edition. He has brought forward deadlines to ensure that pages are completed sooner and not all rushed at the end. *** No concerns with Charley but is proof-reading the whole magazine.

My role – It has been a difficult start to the year for me personally but my role here has kept me focused. I have had my appraisal which went very well I'm pleased to say. Everything is as up to date as I am able to be and written this report prior to annual leave in January.

Health & Safety – nothing to update.

MAG Member Benefits – no update.

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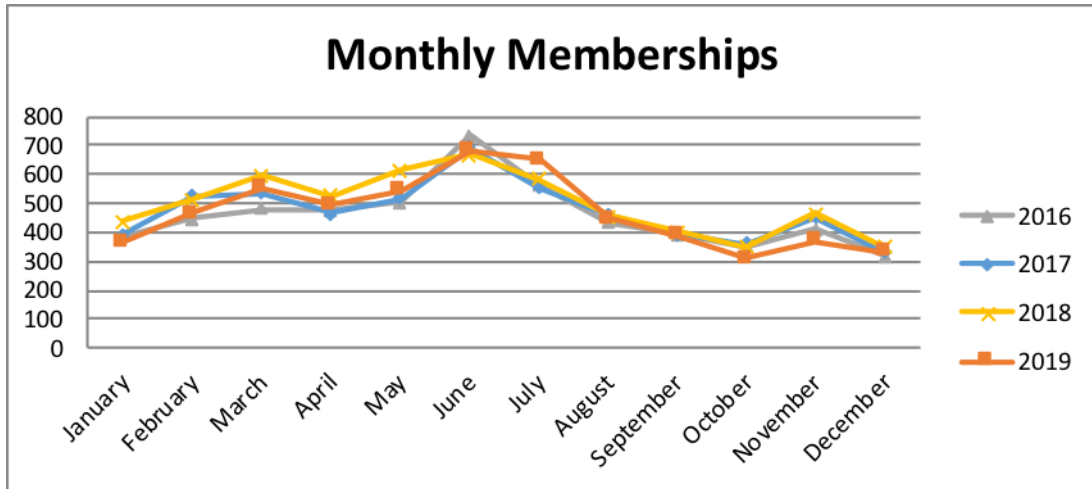
vii. Finance and membership figures

Memberships taken by Bikesure via Go Compare issues have now been resolved and started to come through early in January (after the 15-day cooling off period). The total period without referral's was 2.5 months. The number of new memberships taken for the same period last year was 71 compared to 5 in the current year in comparison. Since coming back online new memberships taken during 2018/9 was 25 compared to 24 this year, so we are back on target. Renewals in comparison for the same period were 12 last year and 16 this year.

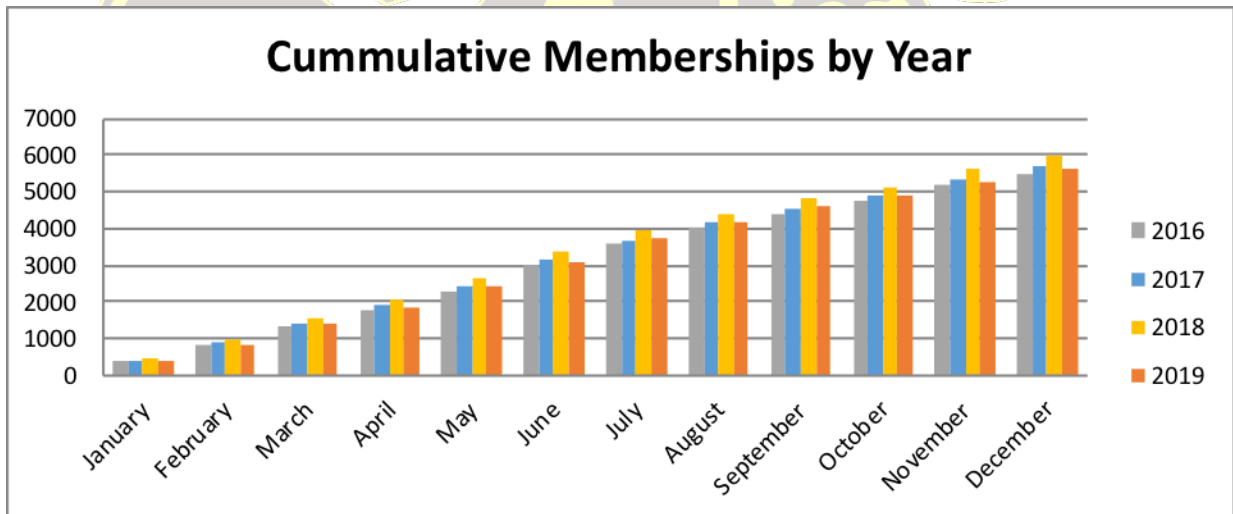
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The Motorcycle Action Group Limited financial report up to end of December 2019. All accounts were signed off in December and have been submitted accordingly.

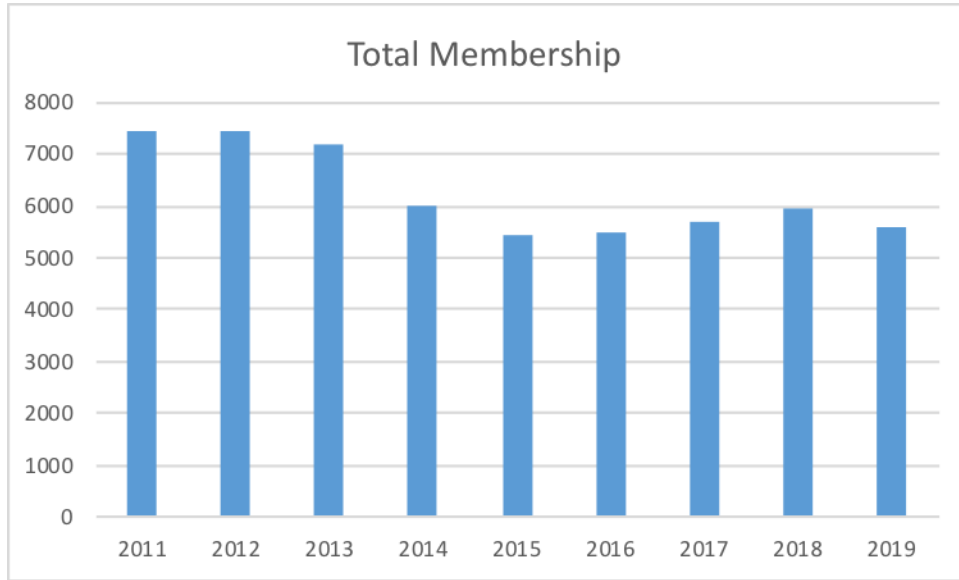
The below graph shows that memberships by month have decreased during October, November and slightly in December (including the reduction of Bikesure memberships). As previously reported April 2019 we were 55 new memberships down, May 36, October 35, November 73 and December 29 new memberships down and in January renewals were 59 and February 26 memberships down. Over the whole year in comparison to last we were a total of 309 memberships down.



At the end of 2019 the cumulative member figures has seen a decrease of 361 members in comparison to 2018 we are currently running at an slightly improved state when compared to 2016 but are below 2017 figures.



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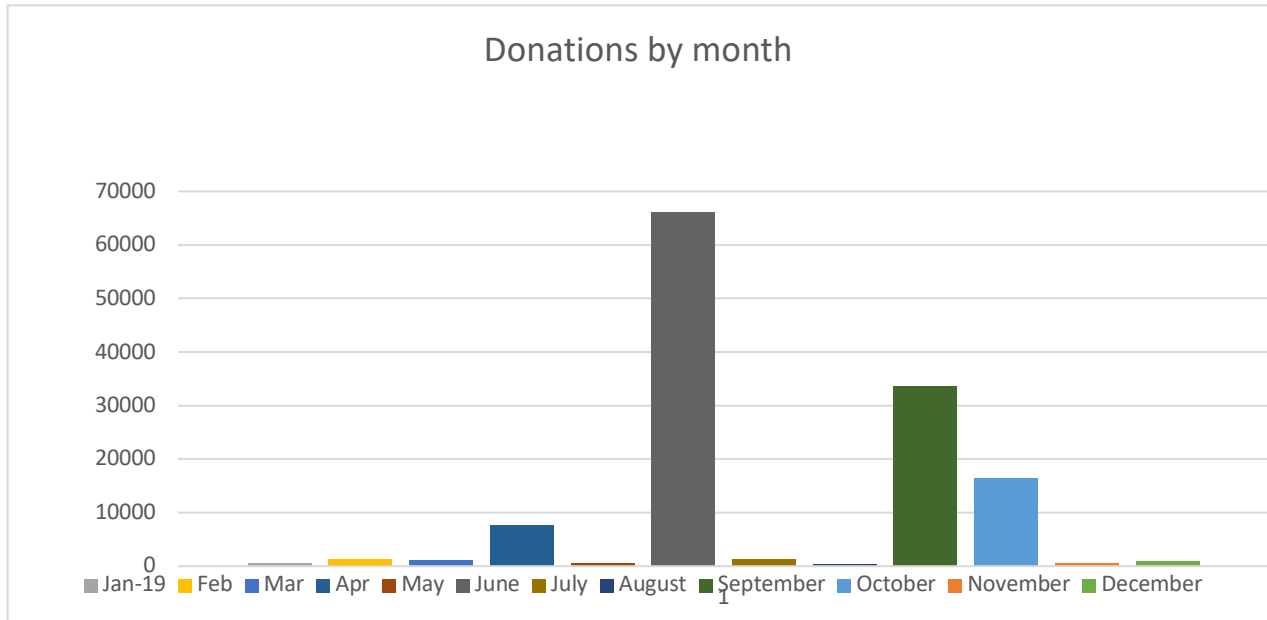


There is a total of 1,393 Life members. The database currently shows the total membership at 7178 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 26 corporate members and 104 clubs. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers' membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 84 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 31.01.20 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Dec 2019	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	31.01.20	17,463.77	14,816.83	2,646.94 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	31.01.20	200,009.11	216,333.12	16,324.01 ↓
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	31.01.20	1,595.13	2,880.95	1,285.82 ↓
NEL	Lloyds – current	31.12.19	6,739.49	3,890.89	2,848.60 ↑
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	31.12.19	8,368.24	7,374.74	993.50 ↑
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	31.12.19	25,460.67	24,918.18	542.49 ↑

Reserves are currently at 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (January 2019 to December 2019 total of £130,468).



viii. *Foundation (Tony Cox)*

TC noted that he has negotiated a deal with Oxford to provide a number of locks at cost price for distribution at the Manchester Show.

12. Any other business:

i. *Facebook*

Covered under Board report.

ii. *Engaging with affiliate membership*

SL approached by T.O.C. It was noted that increased engagement with affiliate members may lead to an increase in conversions to full membership.

iii. *Voting rights*

Carried forward.

iv. *Motorcycling and safety: MAG's position*

Following contact from a member, RM sought clarification regarding MAG's position in relation to motorcycling and safety. It was noted that MAG is interested in safety relating to such issues as road surfaces, potholes, bollards, etc where they potentially affect the safety of motorcyclists.

LÖ and CB commented that motorcycling needs to have a voice in respect to safety so that it is not unnecessarily imposed and that being in a position to help steer the safety agenda is good for motorcycling.

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SL observed that we seek a balance between keeping riders as safe as possible without impinging on their personal freedoms and decisions.

v. *Justice for Harry Dunn*

Covered under circulated notes.

vi. *Social media training*

Covered under circulated notes.

vii. *April NC date*

Covered under circulated notes.

viii. *AGC 2020: call for proposals to host*

Covered under circulated notes.

ix. *Vacancies*

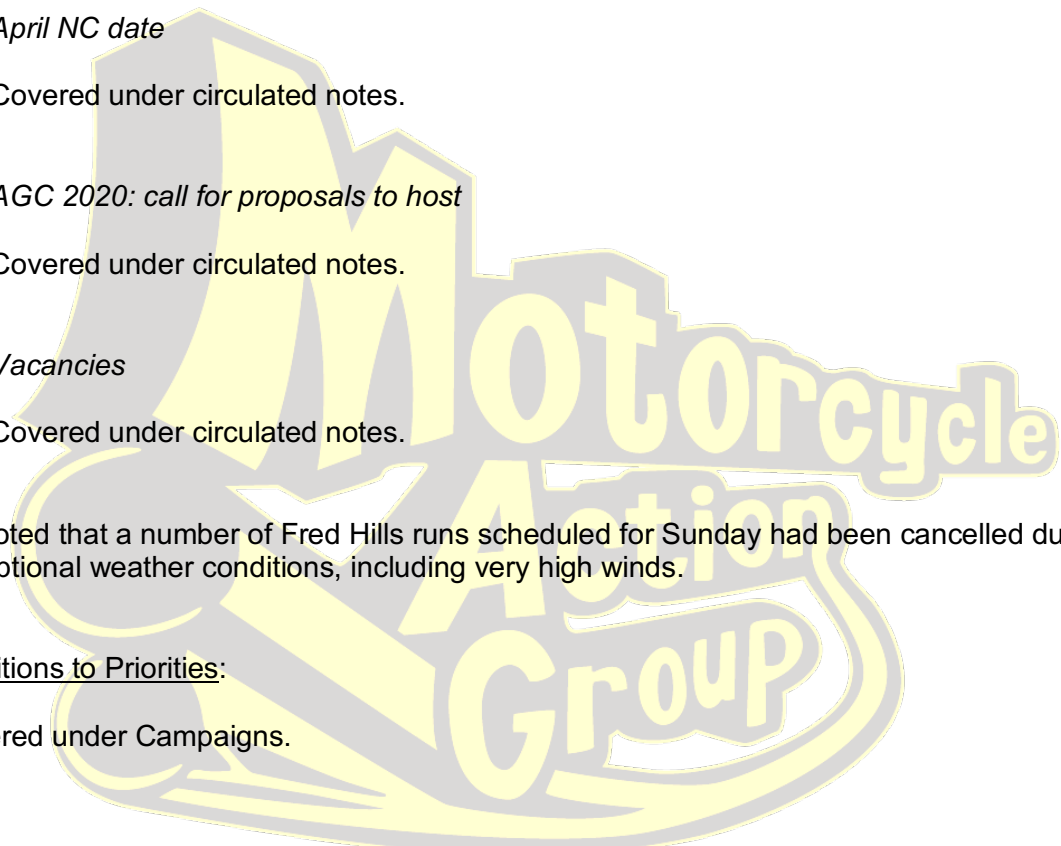
Covered under circulated notes.

SL noted that a number of Fred Hills runs scheduled for Sunday had been cancelled due to expected exceptional weather conditions, including very high winds.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday 18th April 2020



POLITICAL UNIT WRITTEN REPORTS: COLIN BROWN

Resource Library

No significant progress since last report. It is apparent that no lull in other work will happen. I will schedule ½ day per week in February in an attempt to restart this project.

Clean Air Zones

Despite bizarre press coverage celebrating the exemption of motorcycles in Bath's CAZ (I do not see this as a stand-out case as there is no charge for private cars either) the CAZ issue continues to be relatively stable. With focus shifting more to a raft of announcements about banning private vehicle journeys altogether. Again, these are over dramatized in the media and are still in very early stages. We must be mindful of potential impacts but equally avoid fear mongering and disinformation.

I have engaged closely on the Oxford Zero Emission Zone and responded to the latest consultation. Allegedly there is no appetite to extend the Red Zone boundaries and the later phases revert to straight forward CAZ plans based on Euro ratings as opposed to CO2 emissions. This is however contradicted by some of the consultation documentation that states an ambition for a city wide zero emission zone by 2035. This clearly needs close monitoring and getting the voice of motorcycling involved in the later phase development work.

I am also engaging with the Welsh Clean Air Plan. They have rejected promotion of ICE motorcycles but there is an opening to promote electric motorcycles. I will be looking to develop this as they are not simply stopping at cycling. This may be a partial win only, but the very fact that the word motorcycle could appear in plans for modal shift is potentially an enormous paradigm shift.

My meeting with Andy Mayo confirmed all my conclusions on the state of transport modelling software and thinking. This is an area with potential in my view that can be explored further but will require academic research and therefore political will for funding.

Crime/Secure Parking

Having met again with BPA/West Yorkshire Police on the accreditation for motorcycles in the Park Mark scheme, there is good progress here. The initial pilot will focus on Leeds and getting the city council buy in will be key here. The Council has funds to spend on secure motorcycle parking so demonstrating that use of these funds has enabled the motorcycle accreditation should help sway their decision to support the scheme.

MCIA

Tony Campbell's presentation to the NC is now delayed till the April NC

Road Safety

MAG engagement with TfL's VZ tem was alluded to in the latest response on ULEZ, but still no progress on this front. ***

I am meeting British Cycling on 29th Jan to discuss common ground. Still awaiting date for meeting with Neil Greig, Policy & Research Director for IAM

Had some communication with DfT stats department briefly then they went dark again. Hopefully securing meetings with ministers will help in terms of engagement with the department.

ULEZ Campaign

Written response to August's letter finally received. Once again, the subject has been delegated further down the food chain and the substantive response has not changed or created any further justification for their position. Mayoral candidate Sean Bailey has confirmed his opposition to the extension of ULEZ though this is not a motorcycle specific position.

Bus Lanes

Continuing progress at the usual snail's pace. The Oxford ZEZ has provided an unexpected opportunity as all motorcycle movements in their mostly pedestrianised Red Zone are the result of their policy to not allow motorcycle access through bus gates.

Transport Policy

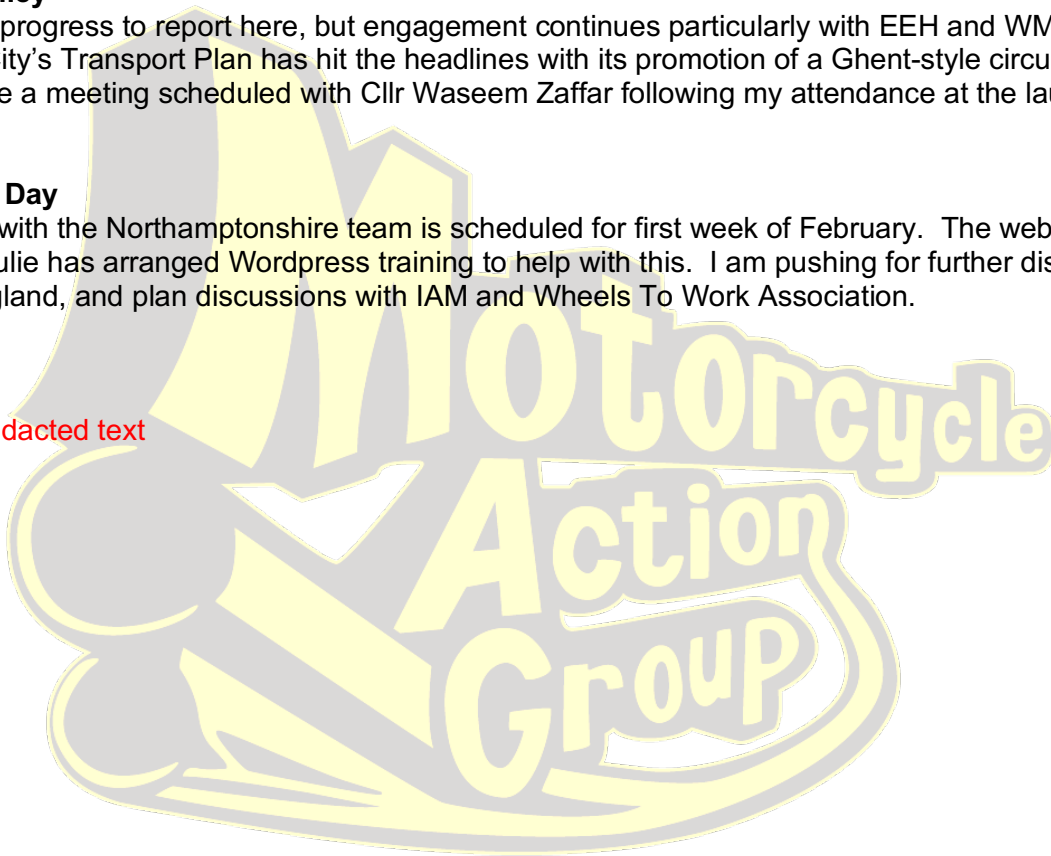
No significant progress to report here, but engagement continues particularly with EEH and WMCA. Birmingham City's Transport Plan has hit the headlines with its promotion of a Ghent-style circulation cells system. I have a meeting scheduled with Cllr Waseem Zaffar following my attendance at the launch event.

Ride to Work Day

Next meeting with the Northamptonshire team is scheduled for first week of February. The website work has started, and Julie has arranged Wordpress training to help with this. I am pushing for further discussion with Highways England, and plan discussions with IAM and Wheels To Work Association.

ENDS

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POLITICAL UNIT WRITTEN REPORTS: LEMBIT ÖPIK

Stability in The House

The General Election has cleared the air in Parliament. Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson is in a commanding position, and nobody can seriously challenge his authority. MAG is obliged to work with him and his Government in the interests of biking. There is no latitude for partisanship here. We must work with who's in charge and he's in charge.

The good news is that the Prime Minister received a motorcycle from his girlfriend as a present. This is an opportunity for MAG to invite Mr Johnson to join MAG – and to endorse biking as a 'good' thing. MAG has approached sources close to the Prime Minister to see if he will agree. Worryingly, Mr Johnson has stated his goal to begin to ban ICE power by 2035. We need to get clarity on this and recognise that could effectively end development of petrol engines now.

Separately, as expected, there has been no change at the top of the Department for Transport. Grant Shapps continues in post and we are still trying to access him for a meeting.

London Mayor candidates

After a huge amount of effort by London Regional Rep Tim Fawthrop and Lembit Öpik, we secured responses to our Mayor Candidate questions from three parties: Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat. Two did not reply: Labour (Sadiq Khan) and Independent (Rory Stewart).

All the responses we received should be published in The Road.

Brexit

Brexit 'happened' – on 31st January 2020 - but few people can see any difference. That's not surprising. The work to define Brexit has only just begun. The Government claims it can complete this task by the end of this year. That's unlikely, but they will make some progress.

For MAG, the main thing is to seek exemptions for the UK in those areas we think there is no real benefit to adopting EU regulations. Our action is to speak with the relevant officers of Parliament – over matters including safety regulations and ABS standards.

Parliament

We are seeking to secure a Parliament debate, led by Chris Law MP. Both the Minister's office and the MP are aligned on this at present, so it's a matter of getting a date.

Campbell

Tony Campbell, the head of MCIA, was not able to attend our meeting of NC for personal reasons. He will present his strategic position at the April 2020 meeting.

Recruitment

Following feedback from colleagues, the videos are not going to be used as a major tool right now. However, we commence an extensive campaign of action, requesting direct input from all the NC members. Recruitment at this time is particularly important because of the multiple threats facing our right to ride, ranging from stolen road space to the spectre of banning petrol engines.

Environment

The Political Unit is awaiting the outcome of the debate in NC regarding Neil Liversidge's proposal to take clear action on the environmental agenda in order to protect riding. We will be guided by what the NC decides.