

National Committee Attendance Sheet

National Committee Meeting (via Microsoft Teams due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions)				Date: 13/06/2020	
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	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: June 13, 2020 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Not applicable

1. Introduction:

Due to the continuing Government-led national restrictions on gatherings and social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, the June 2020 NC meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

The Board of Directors met via Skype meetings on the evening of Friday 12th June 2020 and on the morning of Saturday 13th June 2020.

2. Apologies for absence:

See Attendance Sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

None, due to not being able to conduct AGMs under current restrictions.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted without revision.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. Minutes of previous NC meeting.

To accept the April 2020 NC Minutes.

Proposed: Alex Bridgwood; Seconded: Paul Carter. Carried.

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

To suspend Regional AGMs until further notice in line with Constitutional provision.

To suspend the Annual Group Conference until further notice in line with Constitutional provision.

Votes carried.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

None.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

CB and LÖ provided a video report, which has been circulated to the NC.

LÖ highlighted a potential legal challenge against Sadiq Khan regarding the reintroduction of the Congestion and ULEZ charges. The premise of this challenge is that it goes against the Government's exhortation to avoid public transport, if possible, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A brief discussion around this matter concluded that MAG cannot get involved financially with this crowd-funded challenge but would be in a position to provide some promotional involvement.

Parking and roads access are both issues that have been raised, and SW asked whether pressure could be brought to bear on the Government to take its approach of promoting cycling and extend it to motorcycling. CB stated that this is something that is being done, with encouragement to provide dual-use space, which would be a low-cost provision.

LÖ noted that MAG is, nowadays, respected at an unprecedented level.

SL advised that production of the original Filter Friendly video had to be abandoned due to lockdown restrictions, but that Colin had been able to put one together with the assistance of Julie and her family and Northants Police. This is now available as part of promoting Ride To Work Day.

TF passed on thanks from London's social media group to CB and LÖ for work done during lockdown.

LÖ advised that the ICE ban is our biggest threat and encouraged submissions to the formal Consultation, which closes on 31/07/20. A discussion ensued regarding the ICE, alternative fuel sources (e.g. E10, hydrogen-based, etc) and tax exemptions.

It was further noted that electric vehicles are currently exempt from road tax but that this will almost certainly change as they become the 'norm'. CB stated that revenue streams will be affected and that the weight-based system being promoted by MAG would be an easy way to address this.

TC advised that there is much research and development going on with large commercial engines in relation to running green fuels (such as bio CNG/LPG). There's also work on synthetic fuels aimed at smaller engines such as those used in MotoGP and Formula 1. This could lead to alternative fuels being available for personal vehicles. He also expressed concerns that we seem to be putting a great deal of effort into matters that are not entirely motorcycle related.

Discussion ensued around ICE in general - and motorcycles in particular - and LÖ will continue with work in relation to ChiPT as per the direction of the NC at February meeting. He emphasised that we need to work with other organisations where possible to maximise our influence.

SL noted that there are still funds available to provide memberships to MPs. JS to provide a 'script' regarding the offer.

See Appendices for attached formal reports.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

The Board met via Skype on Friday evening, including Julie (JS), and again on Saturday morning with the Political team.

No appointments or resignations.

The new website is now live. Work continues to bring in all required content and key phrases that will drive up Google rankings.

A couple of I.T. issues have been resolved and appropriate equipment investments have been made.

JS provided cashflow predictions that assumed no income other than memberships and same expenditure as previous year, plus removing NEC expenditure as show will not take place. Given these parameters, there will still be cash in the bank in 12 months' time.

IC held a virtual meeting with FEMA. Main concern is noise complaints from residents and attendant road closures. MAG to generate a position statement regarding motorcycles and noise.

MAG Media: it was noted that the last issue of The Road was much improved. New issue about to be distributed.

Board discussed Jon Strong's challenge regarding ABS and have requested a short (no longer than 3 pages) report to outline what he wants to achieve and what, if any, involvement there might be from MAG.

Board met with CB and LÖ regarding concerns relating to working with MCIA.

RRs to be requested to provide contact details in respect to local Wheels2Work franchises.

SW noted a disappointing response from the Scottish Government in respect to information provided regarding the role of motorcycles as part of the solution in coming out of lockdown.

9. Forthcoming events:

None noted.

Many events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. SL requested that details regarding cancellations and postponements are forwarded to Central Office.

The Farnyard Party is currently rescheduled for the end of September (restrictions notwithstanding).

10. Requests for AGM Observers:

None. All AGMs postponed until further notice.

Constitutional requirement for all AGMs to be held within 15 months of the previous one currently suspended, subject to regular review.

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

i. Regional Reps

British Independent Islands: (vacant)

No report available.

Cumbria: Michael Armstrong

West Cumbria MAG.

Meetings are on hold, information and communication is being passed on via WhatsApp and Facebook.

Furness MAG.

Meetings are on hold, information and communication is being passed on via private page on Facebook.

Dead End Rally is cancelled

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/West Cumbria MAG.

Made a template email for lobbying people's MP's for to be more pro-motorcycling and sent it out to Network and the NC list if other areas wanted to do the same.

Replies were received from Mark Jenkinson MP and Simon Fell MP. Simon Fell MP passed on an email to Furness MAG from the roads minister.

I also wrote two articles for The Road magazine; one was about funding but Mr. Mutch had already written one and the other was campaigning/lobbying while in lockdown and coming out of lockdown too.

I also joined in with the North Kent MAG virtual rally.

East Anglia: (vacant)

No report available.

Eastern: (vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands: (vacant)

No report available.

Greater London: Tim Fawthrop

I apologise for not doing the April report, I'm now getting better and with a lot of advice from various hospital departments eventually hope to make a full recovery, I have been told this could quite a long time.

I have not been very active; the social media team have been hard at work and have expanded by another 3 members. This is being managed by Anton, one of the new members Rachael (Radegast the Blue) helped put together a submission for Colin to put forward to the Transport Select committee.

We had a Zoom meeting to help coordinate this work which being new to the app went very well, we did have an issue with gate crashes though, from what I've been told this is common so we will in future send the link by direct message.

As with everyone else this year has been postponed until next year and plan on moving then.

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

No report submitted.

North East: Dave Wigham

No report submitted.

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Here in Wales we are still under lockdown with a 5-mile radius rule except for essential journeys. In addition to that, due to my personal health condition, I am supposed to be shielded till 16th August.

Therefore, not a lot has happened here except for social media posts etc. sadly our bike show has had to be cancelled as have many rallies.

Being hopeful that things may soon be relaxed a little, however, I do intend to start my campaign for better facilities for bikers in N. Wales where they are needed, starting with letter writing, my primary target being Flintshire who do not even include Motorcycles in their transport policy. This MUST change and will be my major project when the lockdown is over, and I can move.

North West: Tony Cox

10th -11th April: -Board meeting via Skype
Took part in the Board meetings, minutes will be available at www.mag-uk.org.

5th May: On-line meeting Marc Campman ref New website
Some technical issues prevented me from joining this pre-arranged brainstorming meeting

15th May: Mark Barrow On-Line Meeting
Along with Colin Brown, I took part in an on-line meeting with NW member Mark Barrow who is keen to get involved with MAG activities in the North West and nationally. Mark has served with several Police Forces throughout the UK, more recently serving as Head of Criminal Justice for Merseyside Police. He has a lot of experience of working with volunteers and is well educated in negotiations. I feel he will be of great benefit to MAG.

National IT Matters

I have now been relieved of my duties of keeping the old National website up to date and delighted that the new website has now gone live. The "Donate" button I had placed on the home page of the old website has generated over £1000 and there have been a few regular monthly payments set-up and so this will continue to create funds, even though the button has now been taken down, although I may transfer it to the NW webpage.

I spent a bit of time helping Taunton MAG set-up the webpage for their virtual rally which generated significant funds (over £1k I think) I am also assisting in getting the rally pages ready for 2021 sales.

Other news and future events

Blackpool MAG Rally and the Bike Show in Stanley Park a cancelled due to Covid 19 pandemic.

All local meetings are currently on hold.

I have had a few calls with MAG Member Jon Strong about his proposal to amend the EU Regulation 168/2013. This regulation governs the implementation of ABS braking and Jon is looking for some amendments which will standardise some of the hardware elements of these systems across motorcycle manufacturers and mandate the inclusion of a switch on all ABS systems to ensure that the most affective braking regime is available to all riders across all road surfaces. There is quite a lot a material to go through and due to my other work commitments, this is taking up quite a bit of my free time.

Continuing to help produce and distribute the monthly NW Newsletter. We are getting good feedback and Bill is looking at creating a crossword for the next edition. Past issues can be viewed on the North-West MAG website. <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

Not a lot to report due to Covid-19 lockdown.

10th/11th April Participated in Board meeting on Skype.

29th April - Submitted response to Edinburgh City Mobility Plan consultation copy attached.

7th June - E-mail sent to Michael Matheson Cabinet Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity (Scottish Government) asking what the Scottish Governments position is and pointing out the benefits to reduced congestion and emission by encouraging modal shift from cars to motorcycles, scooters and mopeds, whilst walking, cycling and public transport are not viable for many journeys and where such change may help shape future transport choices.

That's about it other than keeping on top of e-mails and Facebook.

South East: Steve Mallett

Hastings MAG Rep Andy Cutts has been doing good work with his local MP/ PCC and Sussex Police to highlight the problem of bike theft

Brighton MAG have got 'MAGFEST 5' to an advanced state of planning but it's looking less and less likely to happen

N Kent MAG held a 'Virtual rally' which raised approximately £180 for MAG in donations. Weekly Zoom meetings have taken place, the only drawback being the number of technophobic members we seem to have accumulated!

MAG member Andy Holbrook, from the Isle of Sheppey, (who held the old Medway group together some years ago) discovered a large hoard of retro enamel MAG badges and passed them on to me. These have sold well on various MAG fb pages and a cheque for around £140 will be on its way to Central shortly.

SE Dep rep 'JC' Quinton has been doing great work with his constituency MP (Tracey Crouch) and has now established secure m/c parking in Aylesford

Southern: Tim Peregrine

We have held Zoom meetings instead of our monthly meetings, which seems to be working well.

Still some Groups and individuals are more active on social media and contact has been made on individuals who are not online or at high-risk.

Like others things have been very quiet on the lobbying and activity front.

Activities reported by the Groups:

Basingstoke

No reports.

Portsmouth

Understood Council had been out and about doing pothole repairs.
Discussing the feasibility of the show and restrictions from the venue.

Salisbury

Local radio station had picked up MAG PR and had article on their website.

Southampton

Seems that there have been local pothole repairs.

Winchester

Very quiet and most are not engaged with technology.

South Wales: Phil McFadden

Report not submitted.

South West: Paul Carter

Nothing much to report this time round.

All groups in the South West have cancelled their monthly meetings.

Taunton MAG cancelled the Tone Vale Tea Rally and held a virtual rally instead.

Cornwall MAG have cancelled The End of the Road Rally.

No Barnstaple Bike Nights have taken place so far this year.

Thames Valley: Pete Seymour

- Group Meetings: Although the Facebook groups are still running, alternative Zoom-type meetings have not all been so successful but have been held on a regular basis. Partly due to the technical challenges of hosting a meeting, or how to properly run an effective meeting on-line. There is also the challenge of how to widely communicate in advance of a meeting being held, and how to access it, passwords and such. Reading Group in particular has failed in this regard. Conversely, Wycombe Group have been more successful, a regular attendance number of 7-9, and found it helpful because wider spread members have been able to attend who normally physically cannot do so.

- Being a largely older and more suspicious/private cohort there are many MAG members who do not, or only infrequently, subscribe to the big surveillance society. Without a mailing list or other comms means, due to GDPR, we are losing touch with members and losing traction when we need it most.
- Curiously, as a good example of meetings and comms, Alcoholics Anonymous has thrived! Meeting lists are published, and members can, and do, Zoom all over the country.
- Both Reading Borough Council and Oxfordshire County Council are pressing ahead with radical transport plans, with additional walking/cycling road restrictions layered on at the specific request of Grant Shapps, Transport Minister.
I have been unable to effectively communicate with affected or influential groups, as I have been forced to do so via “sound bites” created & placed by Facebook Administrators.
- Reading Council tried to have an open on-line public consultation on their new Transport Strategy using Teams. It failed on both prior communication and technically on the day. Nobody in Reading MAG could access the meeting, despite live emails with the RBC administrators. RBC have now sent us a You Tube link to a recording of the meeting we were effectively excluded from.
The “consultation” covered transport charging options, e-scooters and bikes, temporary and permanent road restrictions, pollution reductions during lockdown, and an influential view on helmet and his-vis being worn by all 2-wheeler transport users. None of our prior written questions were answered then or afterwards.
- A followed-up referral from the NC, from the public about Oxford came up trumps!
We only became aware of the RBC on-line consultation minutes before it went live. This was entirely due to this person letting me know he had found out about it. Not only that but he let me listen in by holding his own mobile phone to his pc until the meeting link went down.
- Wycombe Group are busy preparing for their Virtual Chinnor Rally, a 5hr Facebook event on the 4th July. Virtual tickets, virtual beer and real patches can be purchased by those attending. The patches will be designed and posted by their supplier and £1/patch given to the rally. Funds raised will again be split as previous years, between their local sponsors charities and MAG itself.
- Separately from this, Wycombe have utilised Thames valley MAG’s relationship with Rebellion Brewery to obtain a % kickback for all beer sold via a specific web purchase link. Details being finalised now.

Western: George Legg

Nothing much to report on what with the lockdown, haven't been out, been keeping under my bridge like a good Troll.

Trying to keep in touch with local members in my local group, as is the local group Reps; so far, we're all keeping well.

I did (or not as the case maybe) the Taunton MAG Virtual Tone Tea Rally.

Also managed to send off the template letter to my MP Dr Liam Fox and forwarded the reply I received to the campaigns team.

West Midlands: Graham Wells

I hope you are all well. I've dodged the Covid virus so far, but I think I may succumb to hay fever.

This is a very short report, as I've not been anywhere or done anything for ages. On the plus side the garden is looking lovely.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

Not a great deal happening up in Yorkshire, as you can imagine.

I've been having email conversations with both Leeds council about secure parking and the bus lane trial and with Bradford council about the same issues.

We did an email campaign to all Yorkshire members asking for help to email all councillors and MP's to portray our anger at motorcycles being omitted from the preferred choices of post lockdown transport, which has got quite a response.

I've held back from announcing me stepping down as Yorkshire Rep in September as we've had another untimely death, with Mallett Pardoe being involved in an accident two weeks ago. It's his funeral next week so I'll announce the need for a new Yorkshire Rep after that.

ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair:

I am finding working in the current environment very time consuming, this has included learning about and experimenting with Microsoft Teams in an effort to get as many of you together as we could for a virtual NC meeting. Thanks to Alex for his work on this.

I continue to stay in close contact with the office, often speaking to Julie multiple times in a week.

As with the last report you'll see a lot of what I've been dealing with in reports, although you won't see the direct input I've made.

Thanks to Julie, the Directors are keeping a close watch on the finances. Thanks to our members all is looking well at present and we can say that if membership income for the next 12 months follows the previous 12 months, we will be OK financially.

Motorcycle Live at Birmingham NEC has been cancelled which will save us a significant outlay.

Since last report:

Attendance at Skype Board. Made myself available to the NC during the usual April meeting hours however no one got in touch during that time so I was able to; compile a written Board report for NC, get it approved by the Board, and do the same with written answers to Cumbria's questions.

Articles/input for BSH, Network, PRs' and The ROAD. This included running the vote in regard to AGC2020 and writing it up for The ROAD, the same article will appear in the next issue of Network.

NC list email interaction.

Admin related work on reports; Board minutes, NC minutes, employees reports to Board & NC meetings.

Recording and uploading a video of the Political team report (created as a low-res and also audio file). Dropbox is getting full so will need a good sort through before uploading the next set of reports for August.

I have an ever lengthening 'to-do' list which includes rolling over items such as training sessions.

If I have missed any sort of request that requires a response, please remind me.

Vice Chair:

It's been a very busy 2 months MAG wise, starting with the April Board meeting on Skype. I have spoken to a number of motorcycle trainers regarding the CBT issue. Whilst it has been a problem for some riders a few trainers have been using the lack of clear guidance from the DVSA and government to continue to provide CBT to those in need (as opposed to just those wanting it for leisure). As a result of these discussions I was contacted directly by the DVSA's Chief Driving Examiner who is the head of rider policy. He was interested not only in our concerns over CBTs but also the White Paper. As regards CBT more and more trainers are returning to work so the problems will ease but there remains an issue in respect to new riders wanting to do theory tests where shared use of computers is possibly an issue.

I have been helping (I hope) Colin and Lembit, by providing feedback on consultations, the white paper (and on-going developments) plus the multitude of PR documents that have gone out recently. I have encouraged three clubs to become supporters of Ride to Work Day (two of them national clubs). I have written another article for South East Biker and done a book review for Mr Mutch for The Road. I took part in the North Kent MAG Into the Garden Rally and the Tone Vale Virtual Tea Rally. Along with Selina and Alex we spent a morning trialling Microsoft Teams (a good hour of which was wasted by my own errors!). Following the lifting of some of the travel restrictions there were issues at a local beauty spot where bikers gather, the main issue being a concern over a lack of social distancing. As a result, I was interviewed by BBC Radio Lincolnshire. Plus, there's been all the usual national and local Facebook page admin and Board emails.

iii. National Reps' Liaison Officer (vacant)

No report available.

iv. National Clubs Officer (vacant)

No report available.

v. National Web Research Officer

Been trolling the interweb for stuff for both the campaigns team and Network, it has been a tad thin on the ground, but seems to be livening up a little again.

vi. Executive Officer

Updates

Offices – Since my last report we are still under the same restrictions regarding COVID-19 and workplace arrangements. Carol has covered the office and ensured that memberships whether new or renewal are all up to date. I will cover any days that Carol may wish to take off so that there is always someone in the office until the restrictions reduce. PAT testing has been delayed by lockdown and will be checked as soon as possible after the restrictions have reduced/ended.

IT – As I write this we are at a point where the old website is about to be taken down. The new site is available now to be seen but not being picked up by Google until the old site has gone. We will then start to be able to see the analytics and have Google pointing to our site whatever the topic referencing to motorcycling. We are still to move over the historic data from the old site, but our priority was to get the site live and functioning. We have full access to the site and will be able to upload stories etc. from the office. We are still working on getting more hits to the site and are focused on wording so that our message is clear. Our first goal is to get more members, this is very clear on the new site and the messaging will

show this. All the information that you need access to when searching topics. This we may want to consider if it is a membership only benefit or not – we have it currently open for all, but we may want to give the headline and get a person interested and to see the full story you need to be a member to login to gain full access. It is an option for the future, but if we are successful in gaining more members, I personally feel full access to all would be the way to go. It's taken almost 10 years to get to this point, so I am very excited about this and I really do feel we have got the mix correct on the homepage. The content on the other pages will fill up as we proceed.

The Database is slowly moving forward Leslie has been extremely busy with work which is understandable with home working during lockdown and the needs of the university for lectures etc. This would form an upgrade and allow more accessibility to members with regards to opting in/out to which email lists that they prefer, then there is no confusion and the member has complete control which is better for us GDPR compliance wise. This will also be reflected with accessibility for RR's when wanting to see their current area members list or lapsed member list without coming through the office, which will make everyone's life much easier.

We have had a few email and email list issues. The email system went down due to a part of security certificate going out of date, this was not due to run out until September 2020. Andy M eventually sorted it out and then found that this was the case with several of the newer certificates, which he has now rectified. One of the email lists caused some grief for the North-East this week this has also been rectified as it had been set up as a discussion so all could respond without moderation, this has now been changed in line with the rest of the email lists. Only committee email lists will be set up as a discussion list and all member lists will have to go through moderation so that nothing can be released to all without the physical authorisation.

The office server had an issue completing back-ups, so the external back-up drives were replaced. This highlighted another issue when the latest software update was completed, and internal drives were failing so have had to be replaced. This was done immediately the issue was discovered so that there was no down time in the office.

Social Media training for Reps delayed due to Covid-19 this will be re-booked as soon as possible for a face to face event.

MAG Foundation – Advertising set up in the next edition of The ROAD. The Foundation AGM discussion has started and may be completed via an online conference.

Staff – Carol continues to work well on her own in the office. We speak daily and I see her once a week for a face to face so she can download. I have no concerns about her welfare working alone. Colin is extremely busy and has actually advised that he could not do everything (a first for Colin). Lembit is unable to meet with MP's but has been in contact with Keith Prince and managed to get some questions asked at Mayor's Question Time via Keith plus a few radio interviews. ***

All staff have been asked to continue taking annual leave where possible, as we do not want a situation with travel restrictions only being reduced possibly in September or even later this year. As an organisation we would struggle should all employees wish to take leave at the same time. I have also stated that we may be able to take additional days over to next years' holiday entitlement with a caveat that the leave must be taken within the first three months or at least booked within that timeline. Nothing is set in stone but worth a heads-up as we are halfway through the year and only minimal days taken by everyone.

As lockdown happened without warning our accountants had not completely prepared for working from home. This caused an issue with reporting Pension contributions to SMART Pension, so they therefore have not collected the contributions. This has now been resolved and will be collected later this month.

The Employee Handbook continues to be under review, there are many changes with the outbreak of COVID-19 and April will see many changes come into effect that will require updating.

Sub-Contractors contracts – Mr M pro-active approach has continued into the current issue. Mr M has used his contact to proof this issue. Charley was advised that we needed to reduce costs where possible and has stepped aside during this period, this is to be reviewed once lockdown has ended.

My role – Things are running as smoothly as we are able to keep them. Finances are stable with minimal use of the reserves. To ensure cash flow is maintained I have delayed the VAT payment on NEL (we can pay this at any point in the future without fines up to 31st March 2021). MAG Media VAT has been paid as that was just over £200. TMAGL VAT is a repayment which will be due to be paid in the next week. I have renewed our Auto-Enrolment Pension declaration to ensure that we are fully compliant for another three years. We have the option to apply for a 'Bounce Back Loan' of up to £50k, this would ensure our cash flow is maintained as we have to prepare for not to receive donations from Stormin' (now confirmed postponed to Sept 2021) and the Yorkshire rallies. The loan would require pay back within a year without interest incurred. You will only start to pay interest after the year at a fixed rate of what is out standing on the loan and not the original loan amount. This is now worth considering for cash flow reasons only as I believe we are still in a good position financially. TMAGL AGM legal requirements as per our Articles of Association, I have not had a response to this from our accountants and will chase. I will collect the physical copy from the office and will be able to give a definitive answer in the next Board meeting.

Health & Safety – fixed wiring check due November 2020 has not been organised as yet but now there is a relaxation of lockdown, I will now be able to book. Looking at the office regarding return to work, we are already compliant, mainly due to only two members of staff working from the office. A few minor tweaks with regards to facilities and we will be ready to go.

MAG Member Benefits – no update

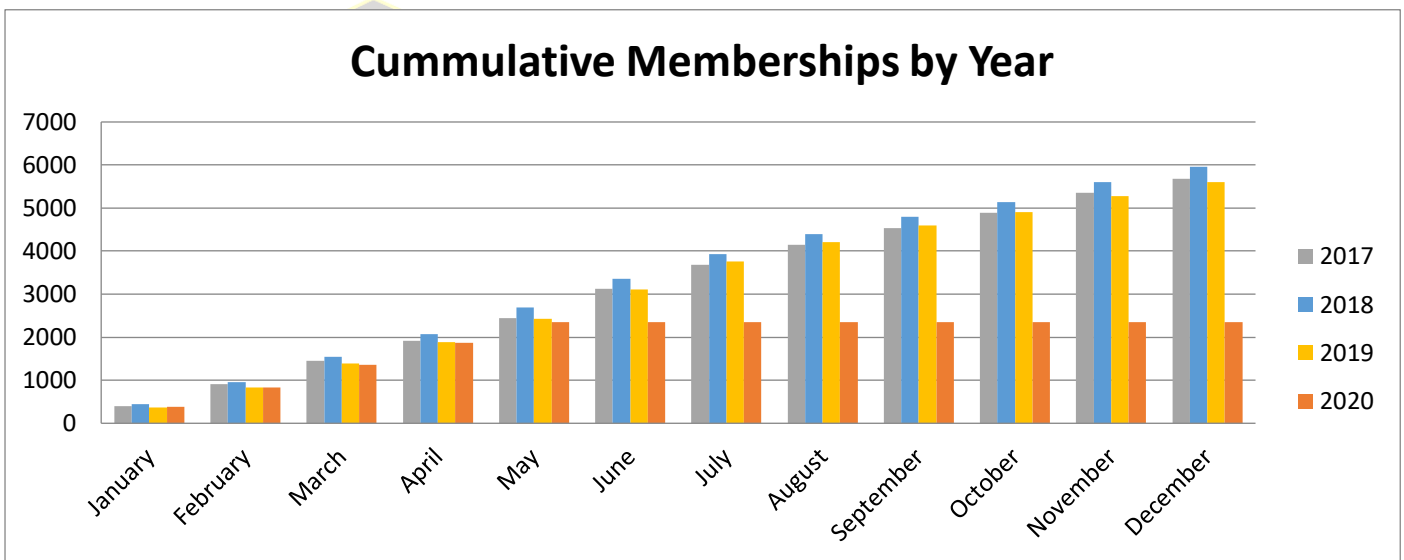
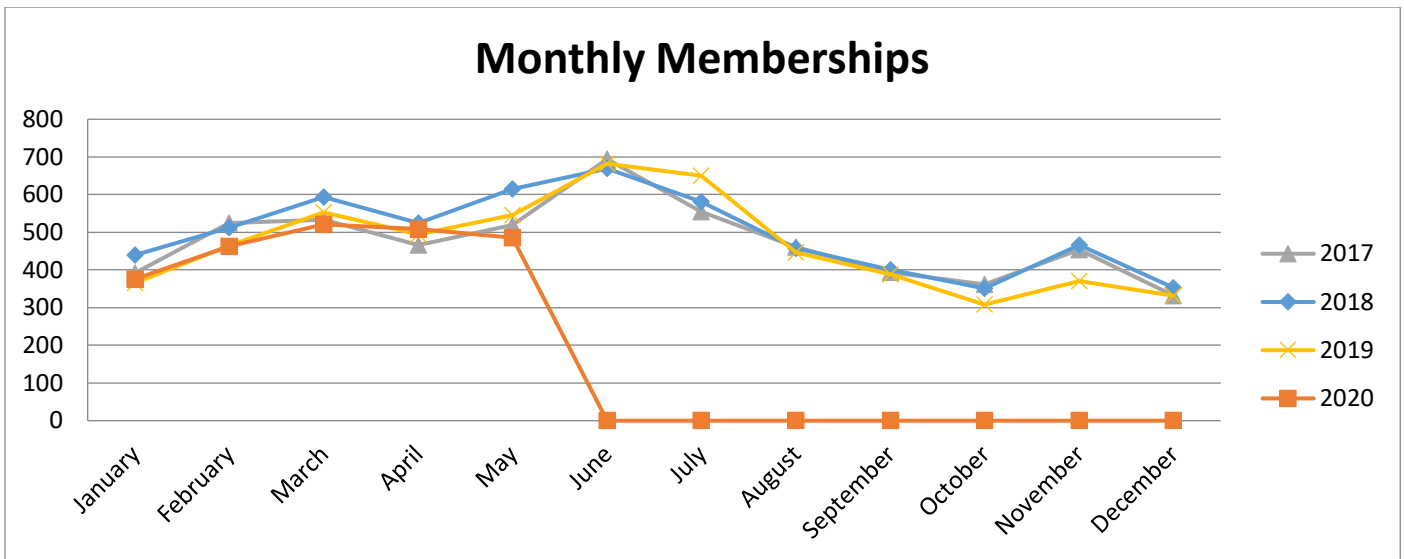
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vii. *Finance and membership figures*

The Motorcycle Action Group Limited financial report up to end of May 2020.

Memberships taken by Bikesure via Go Compare/Quotezone comparison sites over the first 4.5 months of the year 138 new memberships and 159 renewals compared to 2019 for the same period we are 48 memberships down overall (total 2020 - 297: 2019 - 345). This has been caused by COVID-19 we have seen a reduction in new members taken but have seen an increase in renewals for the same period, which is positive.

The below graph shows that memberships by month have almost followed previous years patterns. May is currently sitting below all other years and still have standing orders and Bikesure memberships to add. Overall compared to 2019 the first part of the year is down a total of 74 memberships as shown in the Cumulative Memberships by Year graph below.

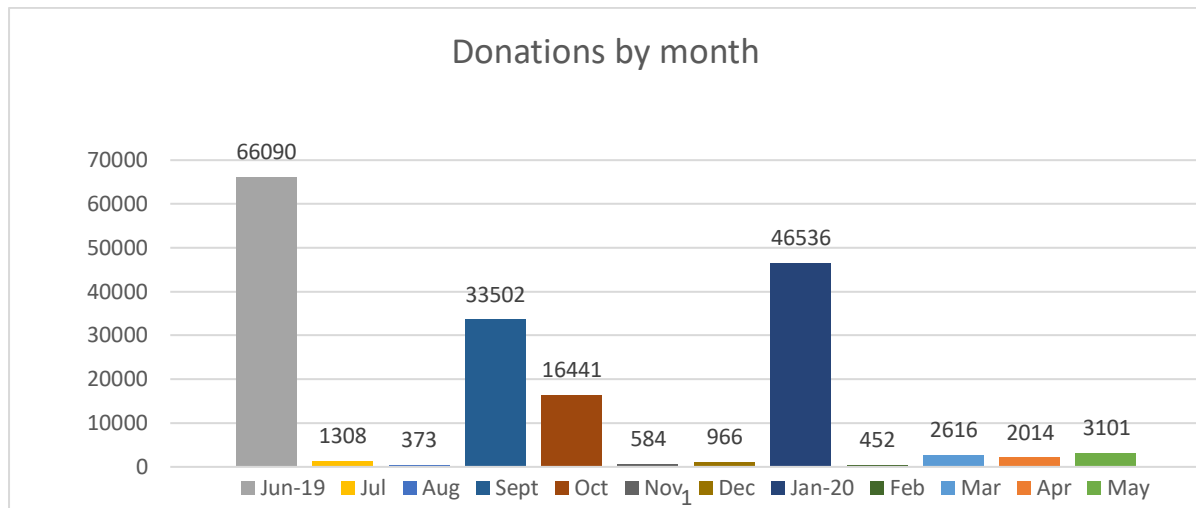


There is a total of 1,395 Life members (3 new Life members). The database currently shows the total membership at 7152 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 26 corporate members and 105 clubs. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers' membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 79 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 05.06.20 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Apr 20	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	05.06.20	15,306.93	8,616.00	6,690.93 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	05.06.20	165,040.58	170,025.36	4,984.78 ↓
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	05.06.20	1,919.39	806.58	1,112.81 ↑
NEL	Lloyds – current	01.04.20	8,153.85	8,153.85	0.00 -
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	01.05.20	8,423.23	8,429.73	6.50 ↓
MAG Media	Lloyds – current	01.05.20	26,742.47	26,748.97	6.50 ↓

Reserves are currently at just under 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (June 2019 to May 2020 total of £173,982).



viii. *Foundation (Tony Cox)*

I got agreement from the rest of the Trustees to place an advert in the Road's June edition, publicising how folk can support the Foundation via their on-line shopping. I do feel that this has the potential to generate significant funds that could then be channelled into safety & security but so far, the take up has been very poor. Please visit the sites below for more details on how to sign up:

- <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/>
- <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

I am still trying to get a meeting set up between our local bunch of volunteers who recover stolen motorcycles across the region, SMART Northwest, and Matthew Moscrop, C/Inspector Sefton Community Policing, Merseyside Police. This was to have taken place online over the weekend of 9th-10th of May but for one reason and another, never happened.

12. Any other business:

i. *Advertising MAG*

BH asked if there are posters/flyers that can be issued to dealerships, etc when restrictions are lifted to promote MAG. SL stated that there are supplies at Central Office that can be accessed.

CB put in a request for good quality biking images that can be used for PRs etc. BH noted that Biker Pics may be a mutually beneficial relationship. SL suggested BH make contact and liaise with CB. SL also has some potential contacts that she will follow up.

ii. *Wheels2Work*

W2W is a charity organisation that helps people with transport issues to access motorcycles/scooters to enable them to be able to attend job interviews and places of work. There is no nationally coordinated scheme. Regional organisations are set up on a basis that is similar to that of franchising. This is a scheme that is not currently widely recognised and there was some discussion around how to identify ways of raising the profile of this scheme, so that people realise it is for powered two wheelers, not cycles.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday 8th August 2020 (COVID-19 restrictions notwithstanding).



Resource Library

Workload getting in the way again.

Clean Air Zones

Coronavirus continues to delay all implementation of these zones, though they will no doubt return to the agenda soon and there will inevitably be calls for them to be more draconian. The current COVID “emergency” situation is being used to push through road space reallocation that will have far more impact than CAZ’s ever could, as there will simply be no-go zones created for motorised vehicles in most cities.

Crime/Secure Parking

Still awaiting FOI response from Greater Manchester Police. This is a key response, but it is the only one holding up publication. I will take the decision following RTW Day whether to publish without them and make a big play of the lack of response from such a key area for motorcycle theft.

The sheer weight of other work meant that I was unable to complete a response to the Hackney parking consultation. Sadly, we have much larger threats and need to ensure there is a need for any motorcycle parking nationally at this point.

MCIA

Appeared on the Bennetts Torqueing Heads with Tony Campbell. Also pushed them to support our VED position, but that support will not be forthcoming.

Road Safety

Still little happening other than the continued use of road safety to justify not promoting motorcycles coupled with a complete unwillingness to invest in motorcycle safety.

The e-scooter trial is a clear demonstration that safety is an excuse not a reason when it comes to poor motorcycle policy. We need a breakthrough here.

ULEZ Campaign

The return of ULEZ and the Congestion Charge is 180 degrees opposed to the Government line of promoting driving rather than public transport. There is a lot of smoke screening happening here however as the mandating and financing of pop up cycle lanes etc is very aggressive.

Bus Lanes

Nottingham have decided they could see no benefit from their bus lane trial and are to close the trial and remove motorcycle access. I am trying to engage with Nottingham City Council to reverse this daft decision based on no sensible evaluation.

Transport Policy

Streetspace in London and the national mandate from Grant Shapps is rewriting the entire story for us. We need a plan and line of attack to crystallise very quickly. Emergency powers are being abused under the direction of the Secretary of State.

Ride to Work Day

Ride To Work Day website launched 1st June. The campaign will now be intensely pushed in the shorter than planned lead up to the Day. Hoping to have the Filter Friendly video to launch on Ride To Work Day.

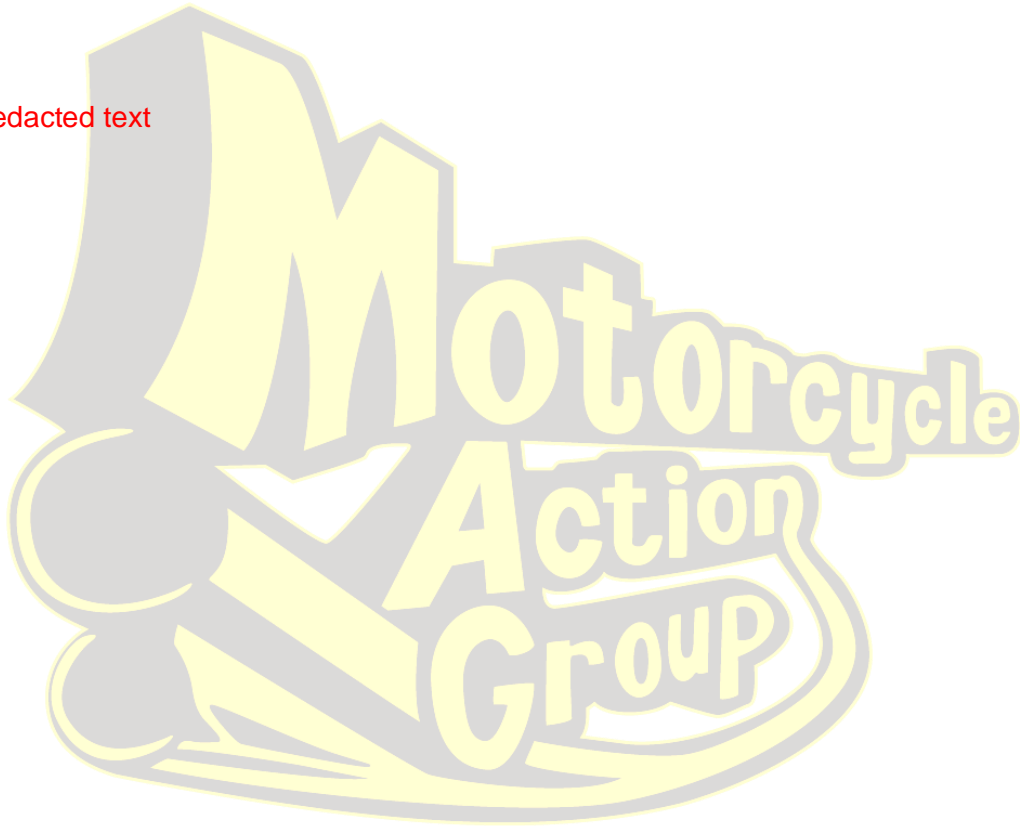
ICE Ban/ Transport Decarbonisation Plan

Confirmation received that we are on the list of formal stakeholders. Awaiting news on engagement events. Motorcycle Carbon Emissions Paper to be published w/c 1st June.

As previously stated, the Government are using the COVID “emergency” to push this with the e-scooter trial advanced to precede the regulatory review process, mandating of road space re-allocation etc. The need to plan a meaningful response with a structured plan is vital. On the up-side pushing for electric motorcycles is being indicated as a relatively easy option with electrification pushed in every DfT response via ministers. A careful path needs to be tracked between defending ICE and promoting electric as a way to get motorcycling on the agenda.

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*** Denotes redacted text



APPENDIX 2

POLITICAL UNIT WRITTEN REPORTS: LEMBIT ÖPIK

Priority	Action Points		Activity
1 Clean Air Zones	Address threat to biking access to roads on basis of emissions laws	a) Identify Govt policy	Government continues to focus on Covid-19 recovery and, now economic problems in UK. Noises from DfT not encouraging, as they seek to 'virtue signal' on cheap policies like air quality. MAG seeking a way in on this agenda.
		b) CAZ progress/news document	Keith Prince AM questioned London Mayor Sadiq Khan in May 2020 on charge for older motorcycles.
		c) Respond to ULEZ in London	ULEZ suddenly brought back in Khan - including for older motorcycles. This totally contradicts Government's own 'stay apart when commuting' strategy. Mr Prince has secured between Khan's people and MAG. We are taking a very robust approach and will threaten action if he refuses to modify the policy.
		d) Promote m/cs as modal shift solution	Lembit is advancing to DfT demand for support for modal shift to motorcycles, which pollute less than cars and are practical, unlike cycling, for most commuting trips
2 ICE Ban	Establish true nature of threat and most logical responses	a) Approach SoS Transport and Downing Street for clarification	Consultation open till end of July on proposed ICE ban. This represents a war on petrol engines. Lembit preparing a 'war strategy'
3 Cradle to grave	Comparative effect of producing, operating and disposing of different vehicles	a) Look for existing materials on this	No assistance has come from MCIA, or other motorcycling manufacturing groups
		b) Dr Karl Ropkins (Leeds Uni)	
		c) Kings College London report Tale of Two Cities	
		d) Professor Anderson COMEAP	
		e) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)	
		f) CAZ Position statement	
		g) Explore possibility of forcing a response from Govt	The information is extremely hard to codify, but the level of existential threat means Lembit must quantify this before end June 2020
		h) APPG	
		i) Smarter Tomorrow 2019	
		j) Air Quality Consultants	

		k) Local Transport Projects	
		l) Work Place Parking Levies	
4 CHIP-T	Promote rational and equitable choice in personal transport	a) Await guidance from Board on nature of this work	CHIPT steering group met on 14th May. Next meeting Mid-June - primary focus now is on response to an ICE consultation. MAG has inputted questions to a large survey by FFUK on related issues.
		b) West Midlands Crime Pilot	
		c) Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group	
		d) Metropolitan Police Force	
		e) Bike Theft Rankings	
		f) When authorized, generate outreach programme with Neil Liversidge to build allies and make the case for personal choice	'War footing' with cycle lobby continues, as they have used Covid-19 pandemic to extend their reach via a 'land grab' of road space. ICE ban consultation lays out the battle ground.
		g) Motorcycle Identity Theft	
		h) West Yorkshire	
		i) Stolen Bikes and KSI's	
		j) Nottinghamshire	
		k) Seek funding from transport and energy sectors	Funding remains a key issue because hauliers are financially paralyzed and oil firms suffered huge drop in revenues. This remains the other key priority for the CHIPT project.
		l) Northumbria	
		5 PRs and media	Fulfil media duties to promote MAG
b) Broadcast media	BBC radio interviews on Radio 2, BBC Yorkshire		
c) Network	May network complete		
d) Press releases	Developed as required -and gaining significant traction with media. They are obviously registering MAG as a legitimate source of commentary.		
6 Consultations	Monitor developments, promote level playing field with cycling, promote more investment and effort	a) Key resources are Trollings (Legg) and Road Safety Forum	Fabulous work by George Legg means Lembit is able to stay up to date with and to research and process all key official documents being generated in the political sector.
		b) Staffordshire	
		c) National Young Rider Forum	

	from national local authorities	<p>d) London Road Safety Council</p> <p>e) City of London Riders Forum</p> <p>f) Transport Select Committee Inquiry - Road Safety</p> <p>g) Professor Arno Eichberger</p> <p>h) Operation Moto</p> <p>i) Police video prosecution/submission</p>	
7 Vision Zero	Reactive brief	<p>a) Challenge any literal interpretation of this</p> <p>b) Compare with cycling safety record</p>	<p>Vision Zero currently mired in contradiction as cycle accidents amongst, for example, children, increase significantly. MAG challenges them for attacking motorcycles over safety but promoting cycling - they can't have it both ways and it is beginning to be reflected in the official statistics.</p> <p>Wrong claims about motorcycle accidents with pedestrians is causing Lembit to challenge the figures with specific 'academic' on the pro-cycling lobby. This will be subject of proposed media item for July 2020</p>
8 Politicians	Maintain and use relationships with political reps at local and national level	<p>a) Meet and connect with key players</p> <p>b) APPG</p> <p>c) Build new relationships</p> <p>d) Provide allies with relevant information</p>	<p>Lembit and Shaun Bailey met via third party, and he is willing to take a very pro-motorcyclist line regarding ULEZ and road space access in run up to Mayoral May 2021 elections.</p> <p>Government Ministers have confirmed support for motorcycling (see The Road, June 2020). Increasing numbers of Parliamentary Questions are altering the balance of political emphasis in the Commons to MAG's advantage. This strategy continues exactly as we have been applying it in 2020 with good effect.</p> <p>Secretary of State has confirmed motorcycles are 'enormously important' in the transport mix - a huge breakthrough. Lembit will continue to follow this up with him, currently primarily through his ministers.</p>
9 MCIA	Work with MCIA when this drives our agenda forwards	<p>a) Relationship with Tony Campbell</p> <p>b) WYCA</p> <p>c) Nottingham</p> <p>d) West Midlands</p> <p>e) Manchester</p>	<p>Still confirmed to attend NC - when we have the next physical one.</p>

		f) Work with CCC as conduit and information source	Craig being very helpful, and it seems Steve Baker has delivered with his colleagues in helping to push ahead with Parliamentary Questions. Formal meetings not possible before lifting of Covid-19 due to practical logistics, though informal contact is proving effective
10 Recruitment	Build direct membership of MAG	a) Audio visual materials	Social media being led by Colin. Lembit and Colin have a process.
		b) RTW communication	
		b) Generate a narrative for the campaign	Lembit has generated items for Campaigns section of The Road promoting MAG membership under current dangerous political situation regarding ICE ban and other threats.
11 Transport Committee	Follow work of the committee and input where necessary	a) Check agenda	e-bikes and scooters are causing problems for cycling lobby, who don't know how to react - for or against. e-bikes are likely to massively dilute the cycling call for active travel because it stops being any more active than motorcycling. Lembit seeking ways to capitalize on this, by pointing out they MUST now support motorcycles as active travel as well. Regulatory points continue to be central to how Government chooses to promote or discourage e-bikes.
		b) Input to motorcycle relevant items	As above
12 Expenses	keep current monthly	a) Forms and receipts on time	May 2020 involved no expenses.
13 Diary	Share agreed meetings as necessary	a) Regular meetings	Digital meetings as and when needed
		b) West Midlands Combined Authority	
		c) Oxfordshire	
		d) Brighton & Hove	
		e) Tees Valley	
		f) "England Economic Heartland" Transport Strategy	
		g) Transport for the South East	
		h) Birmingham Transport Plan	
		i) Midlands Connect	
		j) Transport for the North	
		k) Western Gateway	
		l) Peninsular Transport	
		m) Transport East	
		n) Cardiff Transport White Paper	
o) Forward planning events	Ilfracombe 12 September prov.		

14 Working with BOARD/NC	work with relevant NC or Board members on specific programmes	a) recruitment	Ian Churchlow
		b) IAM	
		b) CHIPT	Neil Liversidge
		c) Consultations	George Legg.
15 ABS	Gain understanding of policy and make our case	a) Jon Strong and Lembit to campaign for common connections	Lembit has connected various people inside and outside MAG to assist Jon with his campaign.
16 Silvertown Tunnel	What is status of tunnel and also motorcycle status in terms of charging	a) Clarify actual status of tunnel and charging regime	Lembit has been informed that the tunnel project is scheduled to commence in 2025 - but Lembit believes this will not happen, as it is after the NEXT Mayoral election, and therefore a jettisonable project.
17 E10	Assess and respond to introduction of E10 in UK	a) Work with this as part of the CHIPT project	Consultation response submitted to Government. Content shared with CHIPT steering group. Lembit has covered this in detail in The Road, June 2020

