

<b>National Committee Attendance Sheet</b>					
National Committee Meeting					Date: 09/06/2018
<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Region/Post</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Armstrong	Michael	MA	Cumbria Rep		
Boyd	Martyn	MB	Contact for Northern Ireland		
Bridgwood	Alex	AB	Lincolnshire Rep	✓	
Brown	Colin	CB	Director Campaigns & Political Engagement / West Midlands Regional Rep	✓	
Carrott	Andy	AC	Vice Chair / Lincolnshire Deputy Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Carrott	Jane	JC	Minute Taker / National Reps Liaison	✓	
Churchlow	Ian	IC	Director TMAGL / NEL	✓	
Cox	Tony	TC	North West Rep / Director TMAGL		✓
Davison	Pete	PD	Director TMAGL		✓
Fawthrop	Tim	TF	Contact for Greater London		✓
Gale	Aine	AG	Network Editor		✓
Hughes	Bill	BH	North Wales Rep		✓
Lavender	Selina	SL	Chair / Director Nice Employer Ltd / Director TMAGL		✓
Legg	George	GL	National Web Research Officer / Western Region Rep	✓	
Lewis	Gareth	GarL	Thames Valley Rep		
Mallett	Steve	SM	South East Rep	✓	
Manton	Richard	RM	Yorkshire Rep	✓	
McFadden	Phil	PM	South Wales Rep (acting)		✓
Mutch	Ian	IM	President / Editor "The Road"	✓	
Öpik	Lembit	LÖ	Director Comms & Public Affairs	✓	
Peregrine	Tim	TP	Southern Rep	✓	
Smith	Tracy	TS	South West Rep	✓	
Vacant			East Anglia Region		
Vacant			East Midlands Region		
Vacant			Eastern Region		
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region		
Vacant			Clubs Liaison Officer		
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓	
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Quinton	Julian		Observer, South East DR	✓	

**Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting**  
**Date: June 09, 2018 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Wren Hall, CV35 7AF**

1. Introduction:

AC explained that SL was unable to attend, thanked all for attending and dealt with housekeeping. He also introduced Howard Cox from FairFuelUK, explaining that he would be giving a short presentation immediately following the Campaigns report.

All introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence:

Recorded on attached attendance sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

Alex Bridgwood re-elected Regional Rep, Lincolnshire.  
Tracy Smith re-elected Regional Rep, South West.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. *Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

*To accept the April 2018 NC Minutes.*

**Proposed: Steve Wykes; Seconded: Tim Peregrine. Carried.**

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

None recorded.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

April 2018 Action Points were circulated, discussed and amended.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

LÖ opened the report by congratulating TF on his work on the Motorcycles Matter ride.

*(RM joins the meeting)*

He went on to observe that MAG needs to identify whether there are useful alliances to be had with other organisations and need to ask: can we win alone?; who else is affected?; is the organisation credible?; and what can we team up about? He noted that the likely areas would be crime, pollution and safety.

Clean Air Zones (CAZs) continue to be a contentious issue. It has been stated in The Guardian that the cruise liner Freedom of the Seas emits sulphur dioxide to an amount equivalent to 375 million cars. LÖ to verify this and other statistics quoted.

He noted that there is propaganda and there is telling lies, with a sometimes thin line between the two. There is a phenomenon called Zombie Statistics whereby the figures are challenged and killed off, only to keep coming back.

CB is setting up a Resource Library that will sit on MAG Wiki, so all activists will be able to access whatever information they need. This is envisaged as a long-term ongoing project.

MAG has been campaigning hard in respect to crime and engaging with the Home Office Roundtable initiative but there is still no recognition of the motorcyclist whose machine has been stolen as being the initial victim. CB stated that a change of tack is required to something robust enough to ensure that changes are made. He explained that this may begin with an outspoken PR and contact with journalists. He requested that, where there is contact with on-the-ground police officers, it would be useful to make clear to them (many of whom are just as frustrated as MAG) that the attack is not on them, but the system they have to work to and its decision-makers.

AB asked whether MAG has made contact with the new Home Secretary. CB confirmed this is a work in progress.

Regarding the Freedom of Information requests made earlier in the year, it was noted that 36% of recipients have ignored the request, which is illegal. Others simply don't have the statistics requested.

LÖ noted that MAG has made progress regarding the Silvertown consultation, with the organisation getting two mentions in the same paragraph of an official communication, with an acknowledgement of the impact of a toll. It looks as though, although we are unlikely to get a full waiver, we may well get a concession.

LÖ further noted that the case has proved that this kind of campaigning works. It took a year and a half with this particular one, but the results are there. We must continue to lobby hard, submitting evidence and considering alliances.

A mention in despatches for GL for work on identifying consultations of potential interest.

Keith Prince has stepped down as Chair of the GLA Transport Committee and been replaced by Caroline Pidgeon. CB to take over the lead with this and a meeting has been diarised.

Concerns have been raised in respect to 5G electro-magnetic frequencies, which will be necessary to the operation of autonomous cars, following reports of its use as a method of crowd dispersal. AC noted that MAG should be aware of these concerns but would require more science and evidence before taking action.

Howard Cox, founder of FairFuelUK was introduced, who thanked the NC for the privilege of allowing him to present to the meeting. He opened by stating that politicians rely on campaigning organisations working separately and that coming together brings strength. With that in mind, FFUK was founded in 2011 to stop the Fuel Price Escalator. Various groups came together to put pressure on the Chancellor, which resulted in a penny off the price of fuel (although this was not seen at the pumps due to oil being traded in dollars and, at the same time, the pound crashed).

Supporter numbers currently stand at 1.7 million and counting and 146 MPs also support the campaign. The organisation enjoys media respect with a close relationship with The Sun, Telegraph, Mail and Times. It is also supported by motoring journalist and broadcaster, Quentin Willson.

The FFUK core message is to cut fuel duty by three pence, to bring it in line with the average duties across Europe. They are backed by organisations such as Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association, APN, Bio-Friendly, CGON, Opt-Diesel, Sustainable Flow and others. Previous backers include the RSA and RAC.

They are calling for an inquiry into why the Government is ignoring other ways of lowering emissions; asking why the Government is not considering alternative, proven, effective ways of improving air quality; asking for a full enquiry into the derogation of these solutions in favour of punitive charges; and asking why other sources of pollution are being ignored. If this request is turned down, the plan is to pursue a crowd-funded Judicial Review of such a decision.

A Freedom of Information request has been sent to Sadiq Khan.

If the same amount of investment was made in roads as is going into the HS2 rail project, it would fund an extra lane on all motorways.

They would like the Government to conduct an economic analysis and to work with scientific experts to challenge organisations like Client Earth.

Following a short Q&A, AC thanked Howard for his attendance.

*(Howard Cox leaves the meeting)*

AC then summarised Howard's presentation and the matter was discussed.

AB noted that the implication of "pay-as-you-go" for fuel implied the use of tracker devices which, it was agreed, would not be something MAG could support. Further discussion covered points including the option of stepping away at a future point (as have other organisations); perceptions and risk to MAG's credibility; the argument of single-track geometry against that of the internal combustion engine.

CB noted that MAG would not be relinquishing its identity, just supporting elements of FFUK that concur with MAG's own goals and IC added that it is an influential organisation that is not about bikes but issues that affect us all.

The following proposal was put forward:

*To task CB and LÖ to conduct exploratory talks with FairFuelUK with a view to identifying common ground and potential areas of agreement, and to report back to the National Committee.*

**Proposed: Ian Churchlow; Seconded: Steve Wykes. Carried.**

Finally, NC was asked if it would approve the Board's decision to fund a Parliamentary Reception and a Greater London Authority Reception. The costs for these Receptions are approximately £3,500 and £1,000 respectively. Sponsorship will also be investigated.

*To approve the Board's decision to fund a Parliamentary Reception and a Greater London Authority Reception.*

**Proposed: Steve Wykes; Seconded: Tracy Smith. Carried.**

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

SL, TC and PD gave apologies. There were no appointments or resignations. Action Points were addressed. FEMA is happy to accept the Simon Millward Award. GDPR was discussed.

Feedback regarding the training weekend was discussed.  
Priorities for LÖ and CB were discussed.  
Awaiting Lock2Lock product information.  
IC to address the VMCC.  
The organisation has met GDPR requirements.  
Solicitor's advice has been sought regarding an individual. The situation will be monitored and action taken if necessary.  
Castlemead is to investigate a claim to ensure that it is legitimate.  
There were no Skype meetings held subsequent to the last Board meeting.  
JS report was updated.  
There are no Health & Safety issues.  
Membership is recovering and the organisation has reserves of six months.  
Cradle-to-grave analysis needs progressing.  
Need to liaise with TC regarding requirements in respect to the new website.  
IC attended FEMA meeting.  
FEMA has stated that autonomous vehicles must be able to detect motorcycles at all angles and distances and this has been taken on board by the relevant authorities.  
A key player from Vision Zero has stepped down from their role on the working group and it is IC's opinion that this matter has been "kicked into the long grass".  
Foundation is making progress.  
There is no progress in respect to MAG Media.  
NEL is operating successfully.

AC asked if there were any questions. TS noted that, following the training weekend, the presentations are being used at meetings in the SW and that the use of the Foundation has enabled attendance at events at no cost. AC stated these were matters of best practice.

9. Forthcoming events:

A number of events were noted.

10. Requests for AGM Observers:

Duly requested and arranged.

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

*i. Regional Reps*

British Independent Islands: (vacant)

No report available.

Cumbria: Michael Armstrong

Whitehaven MAG

Meetings are going well.

Organised big ride out on the last Bank Holiday of May. 200 miles round trip and well attended.

## Furness MAG

Piel Island party was well attended.  
Doing the final prep for the Dead End Rally.

### RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/Whitehaven MAG.  
Attended as many Whitehaven MAG meetings as possible.  
Did a write up of Whitehaven Easter Egg Run and sent it to The Road.  
Got someone to do a write up of a funeral for a local Blood Biker who died whilst delivering blood.  
Got a reply from Sadiq Khan through Sue Hayman MP and sent it to the L&C political unit.

### East Anglia: (vacant)

No report available.

### Eastern: (vacant)

No report available.

### East Midlands: (vacant)

No report available.

### Greater London: Tim Fawthrop

#### April 2018

Held the #MotorcyclesMatter ride in central London, this was a great success and we had approaching 1,000 riders attended. There were a few issues which will need addressing for the next national demonstration. We are having another ride on the 14<sup>th</sup> July to keep up the momentum. This will be smaller and will involve causing a lot of congestion by going into Parliament and Trafalgar squares which we kept away from last time. We had a boost to membership both on Facebook and joining MAG.

#### May

Attending a meeting with the City of London regarding the future transport plans, Lembit attended and MAG member Phil Hobden put together a fantastic presentation which helped put the case for motorcycling in the in their 25 year transport policy. We will be having further meetings with them.

During April and May had various meetings with Keith Prince AM, Andrew Goff AM, Lembit and Colin. Gave background information on bike theft and crimes to the BBC

#### June

Attending the Task and Finish group at the Home Office.

Since the last report, GL MAG has tickled along interacting with various groups on social media.

The branch meetings are ticking over but they still stubbornly refuse to gain a significant amount of attendees. Peter and I are looking for branch reps.

### Bikeshed

This held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and is a very convivial place to meet, the area we use is open to the public and get quite noisy. We have yet to hold any events here and we don't think we will be able to afford the cost. Austin Vince has agreed to be our quizmaster this year for the Christmas Quiz on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Bikeshed want £5,000 for an area to have this event, so as you can imagine we will be looking for somewhere to do this.

### Ace Cafe

Mark Wilsmore continues to be a great support to this branch and MAG in general. The branch is still in need of more members. We have to get some events organised here. We were due to have a meet MAG at the Ace event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April but the time in organising the demo ride they day before meant we didn't have time for this.

### Iron Horse

This is a great venue and always seems to be lively; Paul the host not rep at the pub always supplies free tea and coffee, hopefully, this branch will get better attended and will start to do a few events for fundraising and profile raising.

### Upcoming events

We have a #memorialEvent on the 21<sup>st</sup> June to raise awareness over the 36 riders who died on London roads in 2016. We will not get the official figures for 2017 until later on in the year. We also wish to emphasise the 60+ riders who died since Sadiq Khan got elected in May 2016, we will have Mr Mutch's banner and will be doing a 3 billboards style posters t raise awareness of this figure.

We have another #MotorcyclesMatter awareness ride on the 14<sup>th</sup> July, this is a local event and we hope to bring central London to a standstill by not filtering and staying a good few feet apart. The route will go through Parliament Sq, Trafalgar Sq and Piccadilly Circus, there will be a lot of not moving so the challenge will be to stop air cooled bikes overheating. With the route coming back on itself any bikes that have overheated will be able to catch up.

On Monday July the 30<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a Ten Pin Bowling night at the Elephant and Castle.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will hold a Christmas Quiz hosted by Austin Vince; the venue is yet to be decided.

### Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

### Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

No report submitted.

### North East: Dave Wigham

Really only one big thing this month.

It has been a very busy two months sorting the first Durham City CCS.

I set this event up due to the difficulty setting anything up in the North East.

The aim of the event was to, raise MAG's profile in the area, generate a good working relationship with the City Authorities, traders and police, bring Yorkshire MAG (MAP) up to clear some stock and sell some tickets in a city centre location, show how organised MAG are compared to some other bikes groups they deal with and push Stormin.

I have had several meetings with the City, not quite as bad as Salisbury but close. From the outset, I have brought in outside talent in the form of Jen from the Stormin committee to run the custom and classic element of the show.

I've prepared the documents (event plan and risk assessment) for the City Advisory Group to allow the event to proceed. We will have these docs to build on for next year so that should ease things slightly.

During the past two months I've been liaising with the Police (Bikewise), city traders, safety advisory group, various bike traders etc. and other interested groups Organising a show in the centre of a medieval city is not easy.

The event has been a huge success, good inroads have been made to working with the Police in the future, we've had excellent feedback from the city, traders, attendees, police and groups such as DAM which is the advanced riders group and has a lot of police connections. Our local papers ran full page spreads and there's more to come from the weekly editions.

We will be repeating the event next year.

Ray Gallagher an old Rep even took out his Lifetime MAG membership!

We have been asked to do or be involved with two other events following the same plan so next year we may do two.

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Firstly, my apologies for not being with you this month, but it is my first MAG event of the year. Whilst setting up for the Llangollen Bikefest last year we were asked if we would put a MAG stand on at the H-DRCGB International Rally 2018 at the Llangollen Pavilion. Of course I said yes whilst expecting there to be enough chrome there to deplete a small mine in Kazakhstan. Unfortunately it is this weekend, but I feel it will be more useful to North Wales MAG than me sitting here. I am just hoping the old body has recovered enough to handle the Intruder and trailer as I wrote off the car in a quite high velocity impact with a Mini Cooper on Wednesday night.

At the monthly meeting of the Abergele Group last Thursday (31<sup>st</sup>) Loose ends were tied up for the Groups second annual bike show at the New Inn, St Asaph on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. All we need now is the weather and hopefully all will go well with that.

I am pleased to say that the group has grown with another two members who are keen to be involved. I know two is not a significant number generally, but trust me, in North Wales it is a victory.

We will also be putting on a stand at the Llangollen International Bikefest again in August and are geared up for any other opportunities that might come our way now the season is well and truly getting up to speed.



North West: Tony Cox

14<sup>th</sup> April:-Board meeting MAG Central

Did not attend due to other commitments, minutes will be available at [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

15<sup>th</sup> April:- NC Meeting, Wren Hall, Wroxley

Did not attend due to other commitments, minutes will be available at [www.mag-uk.org](http://www.mag-uk.org)

21st April:- Red Rose Rock Night, Whittingham, Preston

Provided the sound gear and helped with the running of this event. Well attended and made a good profit for MAG.

10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> April:- NABD Rally, Cheshire Show Ground

Ran the MAG stand at this event with help from Blackpool MAG members. Good attendance and plenty of new and renewed memberships taken.

28<sup>th</sup> May-9<sup>th</sup> June :- TT Races, IOM

Have spent the last couple of weeks at the TT races. In between running the MAG stand at three events, 2 x Ramsey Sprints and the TT Motorcycle Show, myself and Mark Batterton have been marshalling the practise and race sessions. Had a lot of interest at the MAG stands but not many memberships taken but this has always been the case at the TTs. Won a prize for the best stand at the TT motorcycle Show. Will try and put an article together for the next edition of the Road.

Built some good relationships with Straightliners who run the Sprints and a few of the establishments around the course. Managed to get MAG banners up at the Sprints which have been captured on TV coverage and had MAG banners up at Murry's Motorcycle Museum and the Creg-Ny-Baa for the duration of the races who also had a donation tin on the counter plus distributed ~800 extra copies of the Road around the island which were well received due to their TT supplement.

Managed to arrange a couple of Norton VIP passes for the Senior TT race with through Bikesure and this was a great opportunity to chat with the owners and discuss the possibility of some sort of contra deal with Norton in mutual publicity, still to be discussed. I also think that there is a similar possibility with the IOM TT Marshalls association, we promote them and they promote MAG. Would hope to run this again next year and have already secured some advertising to fund it.

MAG Foundation

Due to build up for the TT trip I have not been able to contribute much time to the MAG Foundation over these last few months.

National IT Matters

I am continuing to keep the National web-site 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

Other News and future events;

- Busy promoting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Great North West Motorcycle Festival will be held at the Blackpool Winter Gardens again with much help required from NW MAG members, BH weekend August 25-26<sup>th</sup>.
- Blackpool MAG busy planning the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive rally, last weekend in June, two weeks after the FYP this year so may hopefully get a few more from across the Pennines attending? Special rates on ticket price will be offered to FYP Marshalls.
- Morecambe MAG, Wirral MAG, Manchester MAG and Salford MAG still functioning, not heard back from Liverpool or Macclesfield MAG for a while and trying to get some feedback on group activities of late.
- 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>

Scotland: Steve Wykes

9th February - Attended Board meeting at MAG Central

10th February - Attended NC Meeting at Wren Hall

11th February - Attended IAM Forum in Perth

19th February - Attended Scottish Road Safety Framework - Motorcycle Casualty reduction workshop in Balloch This was a worthwhile event looking at causation of bike accidents and measures that can be used to address casualties.

28th February - Attended Edinburgh Transport Forum - Presentation on Transport, Mobility and Placemaking , which covers the three linked strategies Local Transport Strategy, Low Emission zones and changes to the public realm which addresses design of public places. Some initial points addressed and timetable for consultation process advised. Copy of LEZ consultation response to Transport Scotland passed to council official responsible for LEZ.

1st March - Discussion with organisers of Scottish Bike show, Julie and Bill Green regarding shows status following heavy snow suspending all public transport in Edinburgh.

3rd/4th March - Scottish show rescheduled to 7th/8th April

7th/8th April - Worked the MAG stand at the Scottish Bike Show -many thanks to all volunteers and Gordon and Avril Finney for bring the National MAG stand up from the North East and working the Show.

9th April - Chaired Glasgow MAG meeting in absence of rep Andy Cameron who dropped his bike on the way to the meeting.

13th April - Attended Board meeting at MAG Central.

14th April - Attended NC Meeting at Wren Hall.

21st April - Attended Motorcycles Matter Demo in London on foot as bike was still poorly from being reversed into on the eve of the Scottish bike show managed some photos and a short video, but couldn't make the speeches at its final destination in time don't you just love public transport.

3rd to 6th May - Attended and marshalled at ITV and a right good bash it was too!

9th May - Attended Transport, Mobility and Placemaking workshop at Edinburgh City Chambers and highlighted the benefits of inclusion of PTWs in transport mix and their contribution to overall reduction of congestion and emissions.

14th May - Chaired Glasgow MAG meeting in absence of rep Andy Cameron who broke his ankle at ITV.

1st June - Attended Edinburgh Transport Forum - initial feedback from Transport, Mobility and Placemaking workshops session addressed and helped prioritise most significant issues and matters to address. I shall formally submit a response to the points identified, indicating pros and cons.

In addition attended Edinburgh and Glasgow local meetings.

South East: Steve Mallett

I've put in an FOI request to Kent Police for information on Bike theft and Bike related crime in Kent. Currently waiting for the stats from the last complete year, 2017. Meanwhile I'm circulating questionnaires to bike theft victims to get our own data to present to the police when the time comes for a meeting.

Experiencing a steep learning curve getting our SE rally organised. All main elements now in place.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, N Kent ( my branch) AGM, Chris Atkins ( East Surrey + SE Region Committee member) observer.

17<sup>th</sup>, Acted as Observer at the East Surrey branch AGM, Redhill

21<sup>st</sup>, London 'Motorcycles Matter' Demo.

North Kent ,Demo Feeder ride from Rochester ,via Blackheath to Smiths Square.

Other SE members attended from E Kent, East Surrey, Hastings and Brighton.

(Chichester , where were you?)

22<sup>nd</sup>, Affiliated Club ,BSAOC, 'Coast to Coast' ride...not much politics but plenty of oil leaks.

27<sup>th</sup> N Kent Rock Night, £132 raised for MAG

29<sup>th</sup> Well attended N Kent ride out from Rochester to the 'Ace' and onwards to the London MC Museum.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> Marshalling at ITV with Chris Atkins (E Surrey)

11<sup>th</sup> On Lembit's Friday news round-up on BBC Radio Kent, only managed a fleeting reference to the ULEZ charge, can't win'em all.

12<sup>th</sup> Attend E Kent branch meeting at Barham (nr Dover) to give support to the new Rep, Kalona Simmons.

14<sup>th</sup> N Kent Monthly meeting.

25 to 27<sup>th</sup> , Attended 'Tone Vale Tea Rally' . SE Dep Rep also attended.

June 10<sup>th</sup> , Magfest committee meeting, Hastings.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

My activity:

- #motocyclesmatter demo in London
- Portsmouth MAG's Skittles Night
- Pursuit of expired members list with Central office mailout.
- Engaged Hampshire Highway Manager with MAG HE PR.
- Observed Portsmouth AGM
- Attended Southampton MAG Show.
- The Region sent £500 donation cheque to Central.
- Investigating a Steph Jeavons night, however she is already in the area making a presentation.
- Personally, have been engaging on social media, with regards to ULEZ.
- Engaged, on Social Media, with local media after detrimental use of term biker around anti-social riding.
- Labour Candidate who is involved also engaged with me.
- Monitored recent crimes where moped riders stole from cars that were stopped at traffic lights. One perpetrator under age and other arrests within 24 hours.
- Basingstoke.  
Held AGM their Group AGM and Rep returned to position. Numbers low although a good core. Thornycroft show MAG stand, down on numbers. Group sent donation to MAG Fighting Fund, via Region and separate cheque to MAG Foundation.
- Portsmouth  
Social Skittles night. Southampton MAG members in attendance. Good night and small raffle & football card raised funds. Reaching out to who we believe to be MAG's oldest member, as informed to us by Central. Group regularly address City transport Liaison Group. Planning progressing for their Show. Good mix of MAG and social rideouts.
- Salisbury.  
Numbers still low at meetings. Group have been monitoring Salisbury Council and the draft Transport Policy that is being prepared. Group had been monitoring M/Cycle parking bays that were being used by works vehicles during roadworks. The bays have been released back to normal use. Group also monitoring situation where cars had been noted to use M/Cycles bays. It has been noted that cars seen in M/Cycle bays with tickets issued after highlighted to Council and in local media.
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Southampton.

Group have moved to a new meeting place, although venue has been used for previous events. The Group remains quite quiet, however move has seen new interest and younger and more proactive people. Moved Venue to a new location which is felt will see improved memberships. Continue to pursue contacts in the Council regarding Clean Air Policy in the City. Group held bike show at new location - awaiting feedback at next Reps meeting.

Winchester.

Group appear to have consistent numbers, although low, and have decided not to host their own Show this year.

South Wales: Phil McFadden (acting)

Peter Goodman of Aberystwyth MAG attended a presentation of plans for a new rail station. There were no plans for PTW parking spaces, though when Peter pointed this out they remembered, & they even came up with the suggestion of ground anchors.

Cardiff MAG's Rob Matthews set up another Mods & Rockers Run to a Steam Fair at Pembrey. Riders were invited to pay £10 to join and enjoy the fair, which Rob had negotiated a block attendance for. Cardiff were ably assisted by local volunteers including Brecon MAG's Alex Thompson. Profits amounted to £285 for MAG (towards the cost of this year's AGC) and £200 for the charity Autism Puzzles.

South Wales members continue to actively contribute with stands at various shows and at the road safety partnerships' "engagement days", which are seen by all parties as effective in reducing casualties, building & maintaining our positive relationships.

Cardiff MAG attended Cardiff motorcycle show and the national bikesafe day at Pembrey, and Aber MAG are at Carms engagement day today (3rd June).

Aberystwyth continue to prepare for their summer rally at Aberaeron <http://aberystwyth.mag-uk.org/index.php/rally/>

which will help fund this year's National AGC

<https://m.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1910133675684655&id=100000641230708&set=gm.1742269242486523&source=48>. The T shirt design can be seen on

[https://m.facebook.com/groups/221858751176193?tsid=0.7227001988834412&source=result#!/photo.php?fbid=2190622614287240&id=100000185679464&set=gm.2596716183690426&source=48&refid=18&ft=\\_qid.6562896633171376138%3Amf\\_story\\_key.2596716183690426%3Aatop\\_level\\_post\\_id.2596716183690426%3Aatl\\_objid.2596716183690426%3Asrc.22&\\_tn\\_=EH-R](https://m.facebook.com/groups/221858751176193?tsid=0.7227001988834412&source=result#!/photo.php?fbid=2190622614287240&id=100000185679464&set=gm.2596716183690426&source=48&refid=18&ft=_qid.6562896633171376138%3Amf_story_key.2596716183690426%3Aatop_level_post_id.2596716183690426%3Aatl_objid.2596716183690426%3Asrc.22&_tn_=EH-R)

available in all sizes (Fruit of the Loom heavy q) in a huge array of colours. You can pre-order some at £10 each via me; we propose to also sell them at AGC.

We still have not replaced the irreplaceable Ian (for whom a recent memorial ride was held) at the Welsh national road safety meetings; neither have we found a new membership secretary.

South West: Tracy Smith

A £500 donation was made to Central by North Devon MAG.

The Groups are all pretty stable and consistent and have been supporting each other as ever.

CORNWALL – They are promoting their End of the Road rally and tickets should be out in the post very soon. The new Rep Steve Dandy attended the regional meeting.

NORTH DEVON – the group has been booking their stand at various events for the coming months. All insurances etc are applied for. They are also in mid throws of organising the Ilfracombe Show. Their bike nights are proving popular with riders in the area. The Rep Doug Smith attended the regional meeting. 7

members rode a 150 mile round trip from the Taunton rally to run the MAG stand at a show in N Devon. That involved a 07.00am start for a Sat rally day.

TAUNTON – The Taunton group has just held its Tone Vale Tea Rally. The Rep Sarah Smith attended the regional meeting. All the group members were involved in the rally on all levels from putting marquees up to selling cake. New member and his family had come along and they looked like they were throwing themselves into the event with gusto. Sarah Smith has completed the SIA course so that she can work at MAP events and this will also carry weight with the Taunton Rally applications.

EAST DORSET – ED are out and about in the sunshine with their stand promoting MAG in their area . Unfortunately no one from ED attended the regional meeting.

MID CORNWALL – are officially launching next week and the prospective rep Anna Matthews attended the regional meeting.

WEST DORSET – The group have been involved with a bike show in their area and they have designed some WDMAG road defect cards which carry the council contact details as well as their MAG meeting information. They were represented at the regional meeting by Roy Hills

REGIONAL REP - Our regional meeting included our AGM this time which all went well. SWMAG have had an AGM and I was returned as RR. This year I am accompanied by Sarah Smith as regional Treasurer and Mel Gleave as Regional Secretary. Our regional accounts have been sent to Julie Sperling. We have a small balance and our system of the groups donating £10 per month is providing the region with funds used for MAG business in the region and for the NC meeting attendance expenses.

I had a box of up to date magazines and leaflets with a few small products for each group so they could all start afresh. I had been quite tight with the magazines over the last year – knowing that there were small piles of older issues that needed using up so now was the time for the groups to have a newer issue and update all their info.

Doug Smith gave the training presentation on “How to run a MAG Group” by Steve Travis. This was perfectly timed as we had a new rep for Cornwall and a new group in MID Cornwall.

We talked about the emissions issue and Ian Mutch gave a talk on the subject. I encouraged riders to attend the London Demo and did so myself.

I attended the BMAD festival in Paignton. Sadly we did not have a stand as finances would not allow. Fingers crossed for next year.

I have completed the SIA course for MAP.

I have not been so active recently but continue to check Georges “trollings” and keep up with ULEZ etc.

Thames Valley: Gareth Lewis

No report submitted.

Western: George Legg

Not much to report I'm afraid, most of the local groups are holding regular meetings with varied attendance levels.

The MAG Hatters rally, despite the low attendance due to the awful weather still managed to make a profit, albeit a small one, but we hope to still send a donation up to MAG.

I helped on control at Taunton MAG's Tone Vale Tea Rally.

West Midlands: Colin Brown

My bike is still off the road with pothole damage so I am getting increasingly cranky. How long can it take a specialist wheel company to re-lace a spoked wheel? Not only am I not able to ride, my MOT runs out before I get the wheel back, and I keep finding bits that need re-chroming or powder coating, so it is going to cost me a king's ransom before it gets back on the road.

### **Working with Staffordshire Motorcycle Focus Group**

Attended the first Young rider barbecue event with the MAG stand on 16<sup>th</sup> May

### **Secure Parking - Birmingham**

This is progressing at a snail's pace. Latest news is July installation, though confidence in this date is not high. We will continue to push.

### **Birmingham Clean Air Zone**

Have made contact with the newly appointed Councillor responsible, but still waiting for a meaningful response

### **Brum Demo**

Camping details have been released for the Saturday night – see details on the Facebook event page. Attempting to get the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner along to take some flak on the poor response to bike theft, and also the Metro Mayor Andy Street. Not holding my breath at this stage.

### **Ludlow PTW Parking**

Ludlow Town Council are consulting on plans to restrict parking for all vehicles including motorcycles in Castle Square and Market Square. Castle Square has been a traditional gathering point for bikers for many years. The restrictions will effectively ban motorcycle parking in Ludlow town centre. Local Councillor Andy Boddington is opposed to the restriction and has also worked with us to get the consultation deadline extended by a week due to the lack of awareness and advertising of the consultation. West Mids MAG have submitted a 13 page response, but there is still time (till 6<sup>th</sup> June) for riders to respond to the consultation.

### **Coventry Motofest**

Took the West Mids MAG stand to Coventry Motofest on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Spent the Saturday being ignored by shoppers and car enthusiasts, providing directions to banks, public toilets and other attractions, and having the gazebo utilised for unintended purposes by passing dogs. Spoke to a total of about 10 bikers and signed up one. Decided not to bother with the Sunday.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

As rep I've visited both Huddersfield and Wakefield MAG and supported the East Yorkshire MAG on their theft awareness ride in Hull.

Attended one Yorkshire/MAP meeting (missed one due to work commitments).

Had a meeting with the motorcycle liaison officer for Leeds regarding secure parking and also bikes in bus lanes. As things currently stand we've got two trials ongoing with bikes in bus lanes. These will run till April 2019. After this, as long as it's all positive it will be implemented county wide by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.....BUT Leeds City Council are intending on doing their own consultation on the matter even though they've signed up to be part of the WYCA! More stalling from Leeds.

East Yorkshire MAG – theft awareness ride.

Huddersfield MAG – top box sale £300 raised.

Wakefield MAG – Wakefield carnival bike show.

All branches involved with Into The Valley and also planning for the Farmyard Party.

Leeds, Wakefield and Huddersfield have put together a proposal for AGC 2019 for the NC to look at. File attached.

ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair:

April – took part in the ‘Daft Way Up!’. Absolutely daft and made it all the way up country to John O’Groats on a 1994 C90, great experience. Lots of pennies raised for MAG & Macmillan. Wrote up a day for The ROAD. Thanks to all involved.

Attended Board & NC meetings.

Attended the London demo ‘Motorcycles Matter’, gave a speech.

Attended and worked at Into the Valley. Returned forms via new system to office & banked membership monies.

Attended (& passed) SIA Door Supervisor course funded by MAP to allow me to take on other duties at events.

Finalised Feb 2018 NC & Board minutes with the office. Issued April NC minutes via Dropbox.

Sporadically updated Trollings document on Dropbox.

Minor maintenance on the NC & other email lists.

Regularly in touch with Julie particularly in respect of GDPR and using the opportunity to contact lapsed members in East Anglia, Herts & Essex, Thames Valley and East Midlands.

Sporadic contact with Lembit & Colin due to bank holidays / weekend commitments.

AGC stuff sent to Mr M for publication in The ROAD.

Articles for BSH & The Road.

Emails, phone calls, contact with reps & members.

Vice Chair:

Real life has still been getting in the way of doing a lot for MAG of late but I attended the April Board and NC meetings and also attended the Lincolnshire Region AGM as NC observer. I keep up with NC and Board emails where I can and have contributed another article for South East Biker listing MAG events at all points of the compass. Who knows, it may have encouraged someone to come along to a MAG event that wouldn’t otherwise have done so. We have had contact via the national Facebook page from someone in Hull with information on motorcycle thefts so I have passed the contact details on to Peter Walker. Facebook enquires can be very challenging in pitching responses that sometimes have to disappoint people without upsetting them. We get asked to promote events, businesses, and bands that are not in any way MAG affiliated. So far all have been understanding when their requests have been turned down, but I do try to temper that with some help if I can. We’ve even been asked recently for advice in respect to someone being involved in a fight at a non-MAG rally, which required a tactful response.

Last year I organised a few marshals to help at a local Vintage Vehicle show, raising £250 for MAG. Hopefully we'll get enough volunteers again this year for a similar donation. I plan to put on stands at 2 bike nights as part of Lincolnshire Bike Week as well as at a third event in Boston. So a few things in the pipeline over the next couple of months when hopefully normal services will be resumed.

iii. *National Reps' Liaison Officer*

*Ongoing:*

Support Regional Reps with welcomes, provision of information and general support.

Support Chair/Vice Chair with admin tasks.

Provide final proofing support to the PR team.

Provide proofing/editing to key documents.

*Looking ahead:*

Version 2 of Reps' Handbook, to include more information and guidance in respect to matters I.T. related and the recently introduced GDPR.

A procedure manual for hosting AGC.

Develop an induction process for new officers.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

v. *National Web Research Officer*

Still finding stuff for Network and the Campaigns team.

vi. *Network Officer*

No report submitted due to extenuating circumstances.

vii. *Executive Officer*

**Offices** – Main door now fully sorted along with door to the consumer unit. Everything else is working.

**IT** – The RR access to database is in progress, RR can request lists from Carol and they can be supplied in the same format as they would if collated from the database themselves – minimal information contained to comply with GDPR. We have now completed the process to ensure compliance with GDPR referencing our email lists. Over 7000 emails were sent out approximately 1000 were dud email addresses, just over 1500 responses to keep in contact and 14 total unsubscribes with just under 4500 non responses, so please ensure that you opt in. I have been contacted by some members stating that they have been unsubscribed and they wish to remain on the list so these have been added back in. I



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will supply a full GDPR report separately. Facebook old sites for MAG groups that are no longer functioning have been requested to be removed, still no response to this so I will now chase. Colin's VPN still to be set up, there has been an issue regarding GDPR and VPN's this will be sorted asap. All else within the office is working well. No update of the website\*\*\*

**MAG Foundation** – Lock 2 Lock campaign has been slightly delayed due to the printing of tags, these should be with us within a few weeks. The launch will now take place in the August edition of The ROAD.

**Staff** – Carol is up to date and continues to perform to a high standard, I'm glad to report this never changes. Colin had a three month review which went very well. Lembit and Colin remain working well as a team and continue to show positive moves forward in terms of priorities. \*\*\*

Lembit's flexible working hours continue so that he can visit his family in Bulgaria monthly basis. \*\*\*

Appraisals were to have taken place during April/May, workload has not allowed I will now make this a priority for later in June (now that most of GDPR compliance has taken affect).

Lembit, Colin and I meet formerly on a bi-weekly basis and I am in contact as needed by each, this continues and works well.

The Employee Handbook this is under review, I have not been able to progress this further as there have been other priorities. \*\*\* I have so far written all policies to include employees and their rights and where employees handle personal data of others, so that compliance is fully covered.

SMART Pension continues to work simply and easily.

**Sub-Contractors contracts** – No change.

**My role** – I continue to be busy and workload just about manageable – this now appears to be the normal situation. I been auditing groups/regions for constitution purposes to ensure groups/regions are operating within the model rules. I am in process of contacting each Regional Rep regarding each of their groups with in the region. This has been particularly helpful in sending out GDPR Privacy declarations, I am working through MAG email addresses to ensure each group rep has one (as a minimum) pointing to them. It has highlighted some issues which Andy Meredith is working on and some grey areas in our procedures. I will get this to a point that is workable. My aim is to ensure that every group rep uses their MAG email address which can then be pointed to their personal private email address so that this is not published. I have started to write office procedures down on a task by task basis, this continues to be completed. GDPR compliance is almost complete, I am now processing so I can dot the i's and cross the t's, so that this can be shown regarding our process towards total compliance. I have not completed a basic online GDPR training course due to time constraints and will look at the Data Protection Officers course as soon as it can be fitted in, these courses are still very costly at the current time for obvious reasons. I am currently working on May's accounts so that I can then complete the VAT return for all businesses.

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

**MAG Member Benefits**

**MAG Legal helpline** – SorryMate wish to have full back page advert in The ROAD. Leaflets to be discussed again – meeting in the next few weeks.

**Bikesure/Go Compare** – Annual review took place in April, they are very happy with the amount of members taking out/renewing policies and MAG policies through Go Compare and Quotezone. Quotezone is a small comparison site and currently averages 1 or 2 new memberships a week. I have

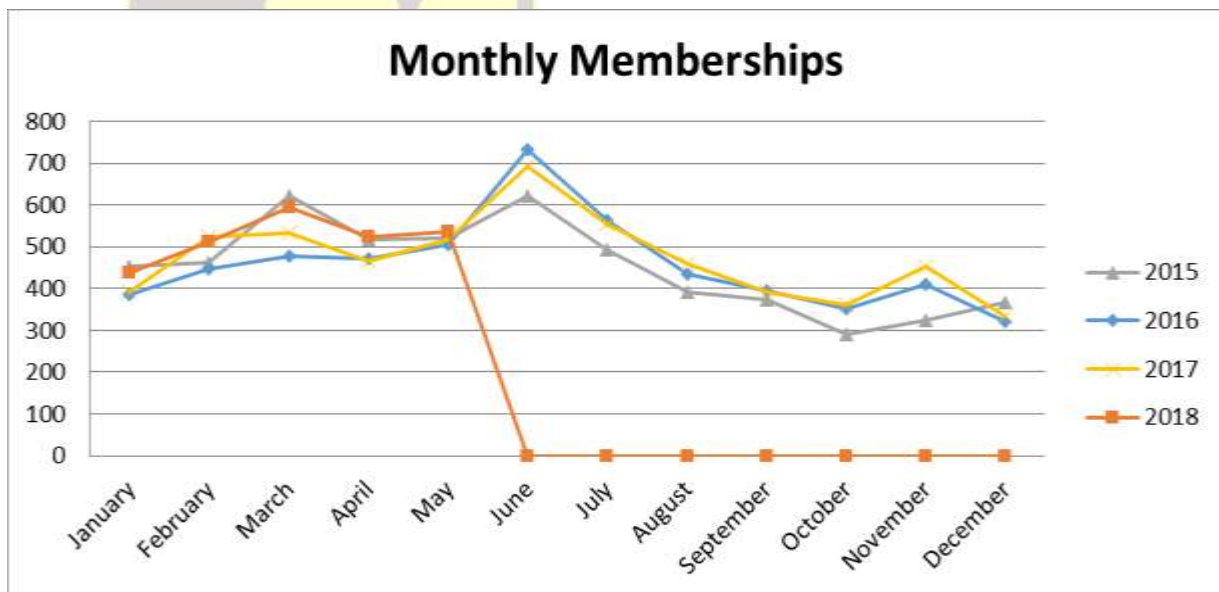
not highlighted this as yet as I only found out recently. Everything works exactly the same as Go Compare.

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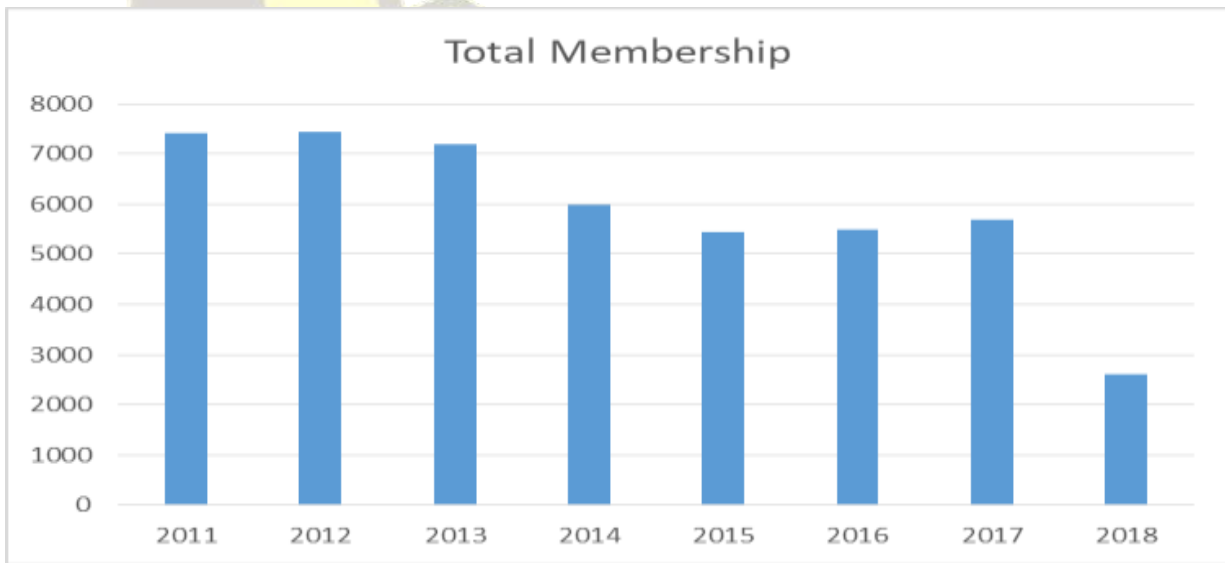
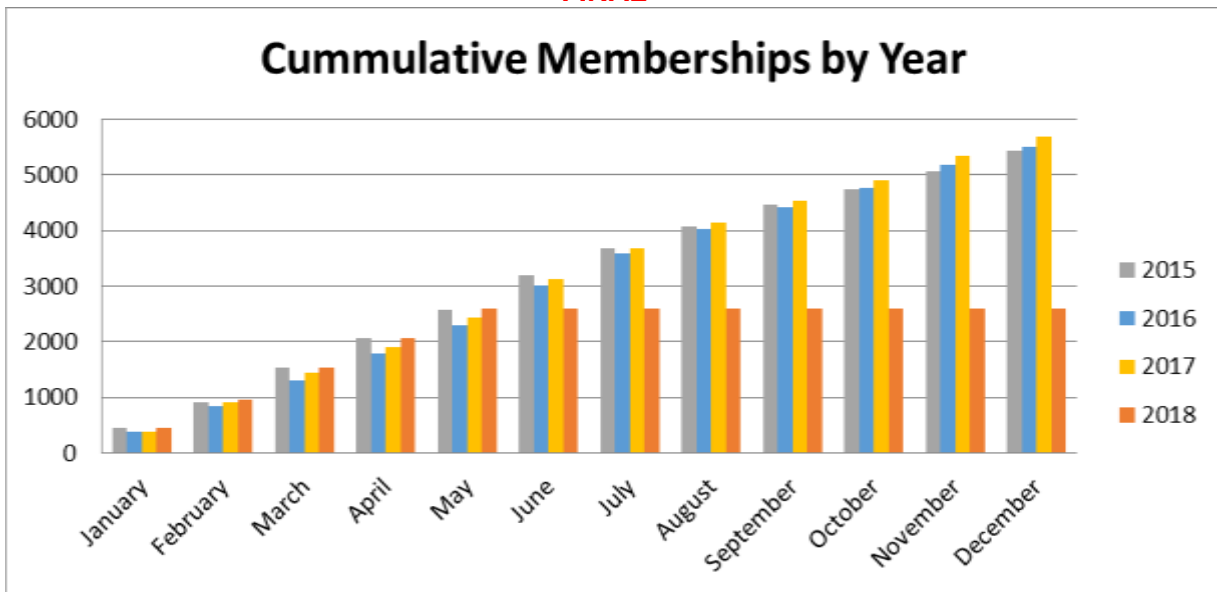
viii. Finance and membership figures

This is a brief report detailing any significant data which will allow you to see how we are financially for The Motorcycle Action Group Limited up to end of May 2018 (please note that these are draft figures until all the standing orders/Bikesure have been compiled to the end of May). I remain as up to date as possible with all the MAG group of accounts. I am just about to start the VAT returns for 3 of the businesses.

The below graph shows that memberships by month have started off on a similar line as the last three years. Please note the graph includes up to the end of May 2018; these are not reconciled month end figures (as not all of Bikesure figures are included due to the cool down period of 14 days). Renewals from Bikesure are increasing, with the increase trend for new policies continuing in comparison April 2017 = 59 new policies compared to April 2018 = 81 which in the current climate is very good and proves the MAG discount is having a positive effect on membership figures (full details are in the Bikesure report).



You will see from the cumulative figures that 2017 showed an overall increase in membership numbers in comparison to 2016. So far this year, in total there has been an overall increase of 171 memberships. This is also above the same time period for 2015.

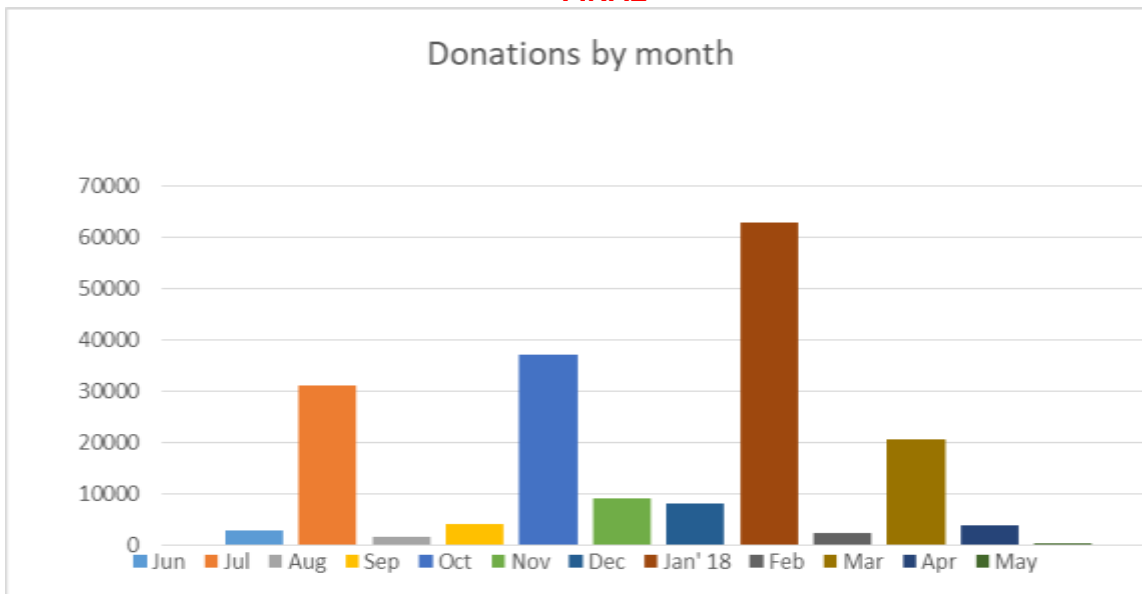


Plus 1,385 Life members and no new life members during April/May 2018. Period April 2017 to March 2018 including Life Members and Nominated Officers the membership stands at 7460. From the database we have 20 corporate members and 100 clubs some renewals are due which has reduced the current figures. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 81 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 04.06.18 or where indicated.

TMAGL	Lloyds – current	04.06.18	11285.26
TMAGL	Lloyds – instant access	04.06.18	155190.07
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	04.06.18	2884.89
NEL	Lloyds – current	01.05.18	2555.06
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	01.05.18	2133.22
MAG Foundation	RBS – current	31.07.17	2521.20
MAG Media	RBS – current	31.07.17	6063.22

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



ix. *Contractors*

Decided to delay my departure of my latest adventure in order to make the London demo. Stayed in Chigwell which is inside M25 meant no probs getting to demo on time; you might think.

Bit of bother with the heat and congestion on the Embankment involving yours truly pushing for a couple of hundred yards. What joy. Problem not helped by some bloke called Opik climbing on the back which made pulling away almost impossible. Made a speech and then rode down to city hall to photograph a banner that I have had done with a picture of Sadiq Khan's face on it and a speech bubble which you will see in the next issue.

Thanks to all those who have made submissions to The ROAD. I didn't seem to do much on this five week trip besides ride and work but it all got done in time despite being struck down by a bug when I was in Greece and when in Turkey.

Finished off at the B&B in NE France run by Ian Moore and his wife Carol. They always make me very welcome. Signed up two new members while I was there.

I am a bit concerned about us being linked to The Fair Fuel campaign group. I can't help feeling that petrol hasn't gone up that much over the last ten years or so, at least not ahead of the general rate of inflation. Yes our fuel is heavily taxed but if it were to be taxed less, and I can't see any chancellor agreeing to that, where else would we put taxes to make up the shortfall? I see making alliances with environmental groups or the Green Party as being more effective as a way of presenting motorcycling in a credible light. I'm sure Fair Fuel can and do claim some success but I think that may have something to do with a government desperate to increase its popularity. I see the Swedes have just got motorcycles exempted from their ULEZ zones so we must look closely at how they have done that. I continue to see 'the logic of geometry' as being the basis of our stance on exemption.

x. *Foundation*

No report submitted.

12. Any other business:

i. *GDPR reminder*

A summary of MAG's GDPR compliance was circulated, along with declaration forms which must be read and actioned by all officers who have had access to membership lists. The declarations must then be signed and returned to Julie at Central Office. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to Julie.

ii. *Marketing MAG*

Held over to August meeting.

iii. *Membership survey*

Information circulated on-list.

iv. *MAG patron*

AC noted that it has been suggested that MAG seek a Patron or Patrons for the organisation.

IM said this provide a positive public profile and AC informed the meeting that should it be decided that this is something to take forward, it would need to be built into the Constitution and would therefore need to be taken to AGC.

JC stated that the purpose of a Patron usually is to provide added value to an organisation that cannot be obtained another way, and so we need to identify a need first of all. IC concurred.

TS noted that if something is put in the Constitution that simply allows for the NC to appoint a Patron, it can sit there without any obligation to appoint.

TP and AC will work on wording a proposal to take to AGC 2018.

v. *Guest speaker from FairFuel UK*

Covered immediately after item 7. Campaigns.

vi. *AGC 2018 reminders, etc*

AC noted that there are Directors coming up to the end of their term of office who, should they wish to continue, need to submit Manifestos in time for publication in the next issue of The Road (end of June).

There are also vacancies on the Board of Directors.

vii. *AGC 2019 proposal*

RM ran through a proposal to host AGC 2019. AC requested that a business plan with costings be submitted and that all bids must be in by August NC meeting, where a decision will be made.

viii. Enamel badge prices

RM ran through costings for enamel badges in the same style as the “MAG protected” stickers. It was asked whether other quotes had been obtained and RM explained that the company gives MAG an excellent discount on all products it has from them and that it would be highly unlikely that other companies could match or improve on this company’s prices.

*To purchase an initial 500 enamel badges at a cost of £500.*

**Proposed: Ian Churchlow; Seconded: Steve Mallet. Carried.**

ix. Welsh Traffic Commission: HGVs in Bus lanes

Held over due to PM being unable to attend. AC to liaise with PM on way forward with this item.

Priorities:

1. Clean Air Zones (LO lead); Crime (CB lead).
2. Consultations.
3. Receptions.
4. FairFuelUK.
5. Vnuk ruling and insurance.
6. MCIA.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Appendix**

**Political Unit report to National Committee**

This version: 201806 01

***This is the Political Unit’s prioritised report to the NC for the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Remember, the letter denotes category of priority. The number indicates its level of priority within each category. Feel free to get in touch for any more information.***

***We tend to focus on the ‘A’ priorities and catch up with the other priorities as and when appropriate. We also report on those areas where we’ve been active since the previous NC so somethings the numbers are not contiguous. ‘CB’ means Colin Brown is leading on the project and LO means Lembit Öpik is. We may both be contributing to a number of the same projects, but it’s still helpful to have a lead person for each project.***

**A1 Creation of a Resource Library (CB)**

- Colin is acting as Chief Librarian for the documents generated by MAG as responses to various consultations. This will help activists as they campaign locally on issues we’ve covered in our responses.
- Colin will ask Leon for his materials as well – including video clips.
- Colin and Lembit have consolidated all consultation work with Colin, and he’s then creating the definitive library, which will thereafter be kept up-to-date ‘in real time.’

## A2 Clean Air Zones (CAZs) (LO)

- Clean Air Zones continue to threaten the liberty of riders to operate what are largely close to zero emissions vehicles. We've been developing the case for exempting powered two wheelers, including non-electric ones of any age, from taxation or prohibition in CAZs. NC decided at the previous meeting that we are prepared to operate in alliance with other groups facing similar dangers from the environmental political agenda.
- Our aim is parity of treatment for motorcycles, when compared with hybrid and all-electric machines. There is a chance that the only way to resolve this will be in a court of law on the basis of a discrimination case, though that has the potential to be costly.
- Lembit and Colin met with Howard Cox of Fair Fuel UK (FFUK) to explore the potential for common working. We identified there is also plenty of potential to use this as the core to a wider campaign alliance. Howard will present his thinking at the June 2018 meeting of NC, so we can consider the potential for working together. That would need approval from NC.
- Lembit is generating an action plan for Climate Sense Central, which could be the working title for our collective pressure group. It is important to develop credibility within the environmental debate, rather than just looking like we oppose progress.
- Colin is attempting to get the West Midlands authorities to use the Northampton model for West Midlands.
- All our work in the CAZ debate must be data-based. Lembit is creating a comprehensive table on like-for-like journeys on PTWs versus all other modes. He's spoken with a car manufacturer and university research department (Warwick) to obtain information which helps to understand the true impact of different forms of transport and human activity on emissions. We already know we will be able to illustrate a catalogue of contradictions in how policy is being formed. One example of the contradictions relates to cruise liners, which are actively encouraged to sail up the Thames into London. If you take one of the biggest cruise liners, a single one generates the same amount of sulphur dioxide as 375 million cars. The ones which can moor next to City Hall in Central London can be assumed to be capable of generating the same amount of sulphur dioxide as all the cars in the United Kingdom. Unlike the owner of a 15-year-old Honda CG125, the cruise ships are not being asked to pay the Ultra Low Emission Zone charge. The Honda rider will have to pay £12.50 a day. The cruise ship captain pays nothing. Anyone who uses ocean-going transport is effectively endorsing considerable emissions into the atmosphere, but there's no consistency to the charging regime.
- Colin is looking after the list of the areas at risk of CAZ implementation – and he's identifying the policy towards powered two wheelers in these areas, totally over 60 local authorities so far.
- Government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) has launched a consultation on clean air initiatives that will inform the 33 local authorities in the third wave of the NO2 plan. There is good news in that DEFRA has opted not to promote charging CAZ's for these authorities. The consultation gives us good opportunity to push the environmental benefits of PTWs)
- Lembit is incorporating our cradle-to-grave analysis in his transport and emissions analysis. Within this we'll also establish definitive understanding of the shortcomings of catalytic converters at low speeds. Tony Cox has made some good observations about this which we are investigating.
- We will generate a leaflet for all MPs about CAZs, with a cover note from the MAG Chair. Michael Armstrong will test the leaflet with his regional MPs who aren't yet MAG members.
- We are asking bikers to write to MPs and Councils to challenge CAZs. Lembit is leading on contacting Councils too – though the letter is officially coming from the Chair of MAG. This will call for support for riders as part of the solution.
- We've invited George to track CAZ developments and consultations. We need to check the situation in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Lembit is seeking a meeting for MAG with Sadiq Khan. Our angle is: we can't understand why you are ignoring a solution which can reduce congestion by 40% - and pollution too. We can threaten him with failing in his responsibility in his role. This could relate to a larger campaign group.
- Although the car industry hasn't been too forthcoming, we're examining the ULEZ charging cut-off points for diesel, petrol, motorbikes and other vehicles and the likely impact on the automotive sector.
- We're wondering: what proportion of delivery riders will be affected? Javed Hussain may know and Lembit will ask him.

- The figures claiming pollution causes almost 40,000 premature deaths a year in the UK have been described by Tony Frew, respiratory physician at the University of Brighton, as an example of a "zombie statistic", meaning "however much you try to kill it - it comes back and it's simply not true." Frew also said that the 40,000 deaths a year figure is "a guess" using information about two pollutants which overlap. He added that pollution levels are "illegal because we made it illegal, not because it's dangerous." Lembit has contacted Professor Frew's office and will be able to give an update at the meeting.
- Clean Air London have an app to see the number of deaths in London from bad air. It also reflects the unsubstantiated claims we've been tackling for some time. We're considering asking them to explain the science behind their calculation, and see what we get back.
- We're going to look at other emissions creators, such as air conditioning, to get a full picture of what's going on – and to illustrate the arbitrary nature of the focus on transport.
- We are now including Lithium-Ion batteries in vehicles as one of our concerns. These have a tendency to burn fiercely to the point of exploding under some conditions. We're putting Parliamentary Questions in using various MPs about this and cross-referencing these concerns with the dangers of '5G' (see below).
- We've also reached out to see if we can meet cyclist groups such as Sustrans to discuss co-existence with them on the basis that some of these issues are actually relevant to riders and also to cyclists.
- Colin has reached out to David Carslaw, Air Quality Knowledge Leader for Ricardo plc who are producing a real world vehicle emissions database.

### **A3      *Crime and Home Office interface (CB)***

- Colin is leading our work on crime, with Tim Fawthrop heading up in London. Steve Bolton continues to contribute too.
- Keith Prince (GLA) suggested a crime phone number and we can pursue this when Tim meets Keith again, which both have agreed to do.
- Colin has virtually abandoned hope of getting the Home Office to do much on crime. He is seeking a more militant approach to this, and has already expressed his frustration to O'Donnell at the Home Office.
- Colin is still trying to meet Crimestoppers, but they don't seem very concerned about stopping bike related crime!
- With MOPAC, Colin met Mr Wylie but again there's desperately little movement here, supporting the belief that the authorities either don't know what to do or don't care.
- MCIA may give away security devices with new bikes – just like Stevie B suggested years ago.
- There's nothing from the Ministry of Justice yet – Colin is seeking some more active response.
- Colin will be attending the next Home Office Roundtable meeting with Tim Fawthrop on 6<sup>th</sup> June
- We're going to invite Sajid Javid, as Home Secretary, to our Parliamentary reception.
- The Government has launched a consultation on changes to the law affecting the protection of Officer whilst carrying out pursuits.
- However, overall, the police seem to be doing nothing about motorcycle theft – they don't appear to care.
- Colin is meeting a Sutton Coldfield Councillor to discuss crime in this area.
- Operation Wraithbane in the West Midlands is really just two policemen who don't believe it has anything to do with bike theft, and senior officers seem to think that the operation is disbanded.
- 50 antisocial riders have been on Police bail for 2 years now awaiting their day in court. Colin is attempting to get full explanations from MoJ on this delay to justice being served.
- Colin is working with Leslie Johns to get the online side of MAG Protected up and running.
- Captured chain systems are an obvious solution, as a replacement for a heavy chain you have to carry yourself. Colin is attempting to get a deal with Motoparking, a company that produces one of these captured chain systems. Hopefully a deal along the lines of the one with Preformed Markings can be agreed.
- Colin is working on getting MAG Foundation working with the Stolen Motorcycle Recovery Bristol (SMRB)
- Colin has reached out to the Bristol Bike Theft Awareness group to see if we can work with/learn from what they are doing.

### **A4      *Cradle to grave analysis (LO)***

- This is being incorporated into the CAZ campaign.



- Lembit is working with Warwick University and is likely to also be working with Coventry University 'Automotive and Transport Design' department, and 'Product Design' which interfaces with JLR.

#### **A5 Silvertown**

- We have won a significant victory here. Thanks to Lembit's efforts, which amount to a great deal of research and attendance at the inquiry, MAG is mentioned by name in the Secretary of State's adjudication. We will get some sort of discount but we don't know how large it will be.
- Lembit is still looking into where we are, exactly, regarding the state of play. It's fair to say that we have saved hundreds of thousands of Pounds a year for bikers in London. We need to NOT be triumphalist. The campaign isn't over yet, but there are big implications for ULEZ and beyond.

#### **A6 PRs and media summary of work in the system (LO)**

- Colin and Lembit are both generating press releases and statements for public consumption.
- The Political Unit equitably shared the production of the campaigns pages for The Road, issue 77.

#### **A6 Consultations (LO)**

- Colin went to Cambridge to meet local activist Alexander Nix and MP Daniel Zeichner. Zeichner committed to assist setting up a dialogue with the local transport planners. There is currently a consultation running for Histon Road, Cambridge.
- We're planning Parliamentary Questions regarding low speed vehicle operations and Euro 6 emissions levels, as the technology may not be effective in those conditions.
- Lembit is keeping up with the results from previously responded to consultations.
- George has been asked to cover CAZs consultations.

#### **A8 GLA (LO/CB)**

- Lembit met Keith Prince for a 'close out' in terms of the Transport Committee and get good advice about how best to engage on-going with the new Chair of the Transport Committee.
- Colin now has a choice of dates for the reception at London City Hall, hosted by Keith Prince. The theme is access to bus lanes (so we'll be inviting representatives from the London Boroughs) and also ULEZ charging and our concern for PTWs (so we're inviting the relevant individuals from the GLA and TfL). Colin will sort out the details and consider sponsors, including businesses, MCIA. Lembit is working on the costs.
- Lembit has supplied costs from Keith and met him to discuss the event.

#### **A7 Parliamentary Reception (CB)**

- Colin has costs and possible dates. He'll contact Mr Timms MP. The theme biker victims of crime, public victims of crime and how to reduce these effects. We are considering whether to combine this with a lobby of Parliament.
- We're seeking sponsors to address cost of reception. Squire, MCIA and MCRG are all options. Lembit is finding out the costings via Parliamentary estate. The target reception date is June or July 2018 – and if that's not feasible, September/October.
- We'll invite the Home Secretary to see if we can force the issue with him to make a statement of policy at the event.

#### **A8 Membership Drive Amongst Politicians(LO)**

- Julie has already got three more MPs to sign up, putting Lembit to shame!
- Craig is helping to offer membership to members of the All Party Group.
- Selina will send a letter to the group inviting them to join.

**B2 London demo (LO/CB)**

- Tim pulled off an impressive event in London for the Motorcycling Matters demo in April 2018 – featured on the cover of the magazine. We need to ensure we apply the good learnings from the London demo.
- The Political Unit will arrange permissions for major demos in future, as this is more logical than leaving that burden with the local reps.

**B3 EMF research (LO)**

- It turns out that there is data to show that '5G' is bad for you. In America, it appears that the authorities have actually used 5G for crowd dispersal purposes, with the 5G radiation causing intense burning sensations in humans. We intend to raise these concerns within Parliament, using Parliamentary Questions.
- Note that 5G is regarded as very important for autonomous vehicles. As such, there is a timescale to the likely rollout of this technology. We need to know the implications soon.
- We may wish to invite Mark Steele, a leading expert and campaigning about these issues, to address the August NC.

**B7 Highways England (LO)**

- Lembit attended the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April. It was reasonably useful.

**B8 Events (LO/CB)**

*Colin and Lembit are sharing the events attendance portfolio effectively.*

- Lembit, Phil Hobden and Tim Fawthrop met with the City of London and commenced a meaningful dialogue about security and parking. Will meet City of London again in July.
- Confirm 28<sup>th</sup> July meeting with Mark Greening.

**C2 PACTS (LO)**

- Lembit is attending PACTS meetings.

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