

National Committee Attendance Sheet					
National Committee Meeting					Date: 08/06/2019
Surname	First Name	Initials	Region/Post	Present	Apologies
Armstrong	Michael	MA	Cumbria Rep		✓
Boyd	Martyn	MB	Contact for Northern Ireland		
Bridgwood	Alex	AB	Lincolnshire Rep		✓
Brown	Colin	CB	Director Campaigns & Political Engagement	✓	
Carrott	Andy	AC	Vice Chair / Lincolnshire Deputy Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Carrott	Jane	JC	Minute Taker / Director TMAGL	✓	
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	✓	
Smith	Tracy	TS	National Reps' Liaison	✓	
Vacant			East Anglia Region		
Vacant			East Midlands Region		
Vacant			Eastern Region		
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region		
Vacant			Clubs Liaison Officer		
Wells	Graham	GW	West Midlands Rep	✓	
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep		✓
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Quinton	Julian		Deputising for S. East RR	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: June 08, 2019 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Wren Hall, Manor Lane, Wroxall, CV35 7NF.

1. Introduction:

SL thanked all for attending and dealt with housekeeping.

All introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence:

Recorded on attached attendance sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

None.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. *Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

To accept the April 2019 NC Minutes.

Proposed: George Legg; Seconded: Steve Wykes. Carried.

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

None.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

Circulated and amended.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

CB reported that Coventry CC said 'no' to charging PTWs in their CAZ, but DEFRA has overruled with a Category D 'yes'. This is the first example of a rejected plan and there could, potentially, be more as all CAZ plans are subject to DEFRA approval; unfortunately, their criteria is flawed.

CB has met with Dr Gary Fuller to discuss his paper on air pollution and the evidence cited. He has subsequently sent back a response to Dr Fuller and awaits further developments.

In response to a question from TP regarding funding for Dr Fuller's research, CB noted that he is 'doing the science' but also campaigning, which could indicate a conflict of interest.

MAG has still received no response in connection to pollution on the Underground being 30x higher than on ground level.

There has been no success so far with TfL so the way forward will be to:

- . challenge all errors,
- . question relentlessly,
- . await the opportunity to go to court,
- . explore discrimination law,
- . create legal dilemmas,
- . highlight regressive tax,
- . use the FOI process intensively.

In the longer term, legal options will be explored.

SL noted that TfL took a month to respond to a letter sent to them. Their response was to seven pages and CB has sent a return letter addressing all the points raised.

Vision Zero is calling for no road deaths by 2041 and, in line with this target, for 20 mph speed limits on an extra 93 miles of road. However, there are reports that suggest that reducing the speed limit in this way does not reduce accidents and there is evidence suggesting that there is an increase in accidents when this limit is instigated. This is due to people driving closer together, paying less attention and overtaking due to frustration. The evidence being submitted in support of these limits is emotive rather than statistically relevant.

It was noted that Ella Kissi-Debra may be the first person in the UK to have a stated cause of death as 'pollution'.

A complaint was sent to the BBC regarding recent reporting on city pollution and their use of heat cameras to dramatically "demonstrate" pollution levels.

There is a trial taking place of acoustic or 'noise' cameras to crack down on noisy cars and motorcycles, but it was noted that vehicles such as buses and emergency services have not been included, even though the noise potential is considerably higher for such vehicles.

CB noted that in response to requests for improvements for motorcycling, councils tend to use the excuse that they cannot afford it or that there is no budget provision for it. They should be advised that they can use monies that are currently being used for cycling initiatives only for dual-use initiatives (e.g. secure parking).

Transforming Cities Funds can also be used for sustainable transport and motorcycles (or 'micro-mobility') can be included in this.

LÖ touched on the European elections and noted that MAG needs to ensure that it is heard by the policymakers.

Following a point raised by JC, he will contact disability organisations regarding shared space.

It was noted that, following endorsement of the new noise cameras by the MCIA, dealers feel abandoned by the organisation.

Following a poor response to FOI requests in respect to the crime campaign, bike theft will be made an election issue, with every PCC post up for election in 2020. MAG will also engage with the Home Office to push for the reporting statistics for vehicle thefts to be changed so that it is easier to identify numbers of PTWs stolen.

LÖ and IC will work on a recruitment drive.

Over the next two months, there will be work on case-by-case legal challenges to ULEZ, pressure will be put on the health lobby, allies against CAZs will be sought and new ministers met.

Three proposals from CB were circulated and discussed. These were in respect to Vehicle Excise Duty, engaging with the Motorcycle industry and Ride2Work week. This last used to be promoted in the UK by MCIA but they have abandoned it.

“To investigate taking over UK promotion of the Ride2Work initiative”.

Proposed: Richard Manton; Seconded: Tim Peregrine. Carried.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

Apologies received from TC.

No appointments or resignations.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

Action Points carried over.

Simon Millward Award: IC reported that having received a request for FEMA to take this award on, he has now been advised that this will not be possible and that they have no family contact details. MAG to contact them directly.

IC and JS will provide simplified GDPR training notes.

LÖ's new contract is working well.

Sub-editor: some teething issues will be ironed out; publishing dates to be reconfirmed by JS.

New products advertising page to be produced.

Transfer of Direct Debits work to Carol work in progress.

DBS checks: process to start with Directors. SL and JS to work on a motion to conference for this year's AGC to incorporate DBS into the Constitution.

Rep's training: venue still to be identified.

AM is on board regarding a new server for the office in Honiley.

MY has access to work on the website.

CAPCHA code has been set up.

Wording for advising groups regarding DBS and Safeguarding to be provided by JS.

Fuel additive details: still awaiting this from Howard Cox.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

SL requested that any old, defunct websites are advised so that they can be removed.

TC to forward security details to JS.

No Skype meetings took place since previous meeting.

The office will have a new point of contact with the owners.

Travel insurance: SL explained that MAG has received some negative feedback regarding this, which is underwritten by TIF. JS investigated this and there is no real problem, but an appropriate response will be put together to acknowledge.

Finance report circulated.

Membership retention has improved.

The website and matters IT are progressing.

IC reported on FEMA meetings.

GDPR: it was noted that the new regulations are to protect people's individual personal details and that it is vital to comply with all guidelines, regardless of what has been done in the past, to protect the organisation from prosecution.

A club that has applied for affiliation will be advised that their application will not be accepted, and action will be taken with Face Book regarding removal of details. Action ratified by NC.

MAG has been contacted by a Barrister regarding a legal challenge in respect to ULEZ, offering *pro bono* services. CB to investigate.

SW advised by the Board to approach the Foundation regarding provision of secure motorcycle parking initiatives (e.g. providing secure locks to B&Bs).

It was noted that MAG remains politically neutral but will continue to engage with politicians of all persuasions.

Recruitment: a drive for this will be taken forward at AGC.

IM has been elected locally to represent the Green Party. There is a perceived conflict of interest that has been noted; a watching brief on this will gauge any potential damage to MAG's credibility.

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

West Cumbria MAG.

Meetings are going well.

Easter Egg Ride went well with 180 bikes, almost £200 raised for group funds.

Group ride out on May Bank Holiday went well.

Furness MAG.

Dead End Rally is almost fully organised and 120 tickets sold so far.

Furness MAG stall is being taken to local rallies.

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/Whitehaven MAG.

Sending invites for the Dead End Rally to local MP's and councillors.

East Anglia:(vacant)

No report available.

Eastern:(vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands:(vacant)

No report available.

Greater London:Tim Fawthrop

Due to work commitments, I am unable to spare lots of time for MAG, I am able to do some online stuff.

I will not be able to attend the NC meeting due to my shift pattern. I have one NC meeting that falls on my rest day so will attend that, and the AGC in god's own country in September.

April 2019

Attended the Ace Cafe meeting for an hour while working

May 2019

GL MAG was asked by the workers union and Javed Hussain to join them in a meal breaking the Ramadan fast (Iftar), we were asked to bring children's clothes for homeless children in other countries, we turned into a charity run and a couple of people joined us. I will say when I posted this on our Facebook page I was given some grief over it.

Worked on the London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) a resident parking permit, they are charging motorcycle owners the same as car owners. This is a challenge and will be continued with a targeted campaign of the LBWF leaders.

Attended the Iron horse branch meeting on the bank holiday, it wasn't a surprise that no one else attended it being a bank holiday but we had changed the last one because it fell on a bank holiday as well, so Peter and I agreed that we shouldn't move this one.

June 2019

Nothing so far this month, on the 9th we will be at the Kent Custom mashup at Faversham showground.

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

First my apologies for missing the last 3 meetings. This has been because of a mix of a busy schedule mixed with failing health. This old age thing is not all it is cracked up to be. I do hope to be with you on Saturday.

I was hoping to continue my program of visiting Local Authorities in the area, but due to my problems, this has not happened yet. It is still on my 'to do' list when I can walk reasonably again.

Organisation for the third Annual Bike Show is well on the way with the new landlord of the New Inn very much on board. St Johns have let me down with the First Aid cover for the day at the last minute...great....so alternative cover has been sought. The Red Cross cannot help at such short notice, so have had one quote in so far from one of the private companies providing this service and hopefully this will be sorted this week.

The group is struggling as usual for numbers as two of the hard core members are also suffering from health problems but was pleasantly surprised at last week's monthly to welcome a member who has NOT been before who said he had been intending to come along since he attended the bike show we staged last year. Hopefully we will see him again at our future meetings. As we are few in number, I

intend to visit a local MAG Affiliated bike club on Thursday evening to muster some help with the show.

North West: Tony Cox

12th April: -Board meeting MAG Central

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

13th April: - NC Meeting, Wren Hall, Wroxall

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

20th 21st April: - Piel Island Party, Furness MAG

Went to the Piel Island Party and had a thoroughly good time partying with Furness MAG members.

9th-12th May: - The NABD Rally, Cheshire Show Ground

Took the MAG stand to the NABD Rally helped by members of Blackpool MAG. The position we got placed in was not brilliant and memberships taken were down on previous years but still a worthwhile event. Had the new Foundation pop up display delivered to the site. Looks OK but the resolution was not brilliant but ok from a distance.

24th-26th May: - Manchester Rock & Bike Fest, Warrington

Salford MAG took the MAG stand to this event as I could not attend due to being on Lifeboat Rota all weekend. Not had any reports back as yet.

MAG Foundation

I am keeping myself busy with Foundation stuff. Designed a new display for a couple of pop up banners that can be used at the rallies, but I am disappointed that the company making them did not pick up on the low resolution of the design sent as they look very pixely. I have been putting a lot of time in on the new website, which is not far off now, just need a bit more content. Would appreciate folk having a look at it and giving me some feedback www.mag-foundation.org

The Foundation is now supporting 3 x theft recovery initiatives in London, Bristol & Sussex. Substantial donations have already been made to the London & Sussex groups with a planned donation for the Bristol Group.

The Foundation will have a full page advert in the Farmyard Party program as we are sponsoring the wristbands for all the MAP rallies and Stormin the Castle. We are hoping that this will see an increase in donations at these events.

Still working on getting our FB page registered as a charity so that we can add a donate button but it has dropped down the list of priorities with other tasks taking precedence.

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. I have set up an Admin login to the new site for Mark Young so hoping that he is getting chance to work on it.

Other News and future events:

- Blackpool MAG functioning well. Plans well underway for our 22nd Rally.
- Red Rose MAG, Morecambe MAG and Manchester MAG still functioning well.
- Wirral MAG's re-launch was promising and I am hoping to be able to get down soon to one of their meetings at their new venue.
- Liverpool MAG meetings are to be put on hold for a while as the Liverpool Rep is going through some bad issues at the moment. Macclesfield MAG also to be put on hold for a while but both reps still happy to remain as contact points.
- Salford MAG supported the HA Rally a few weeks ago. A few new members in the area will hopefully be able to support the group's activities.

- Continuing to help produce and distribute the monthly NW Newsletter. Past issues can be viewed on the North-West MAG website. <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>

I am currently over at the TTs with Mark Batterton of Blackpool MAG, distributing the 1000 extra copies of the May/June edition of The Road that I had printed. We are hoping to run the MAG stand at three different events during our stay, plus marshalling the races on days we are not running the stand, sort of working holiday. Consequently, I will not be at the June Board meeting or NC meeting. Will have a full report in my next update.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

A fairly busy period.

April 12th 13th - Attended Board and NC meetings at Honiley and Wren Hall.

April 15th - Attended Glasgow MAG meeting.

April 16th - Attended Edinburgh MAG meeting.

May 2nd to 5th - Attended and Worked Into the Valley.

May 7th - Gave a presentation to Highland Classic Motorcycle Club in Inverness - well received though still need to check with the office to see if this resulted in any new members, could have done without the snow storms over Slochd and Drumochter and the average speed cameras along the length of the A9 a couple of hours each way where you are continually watching the speedo to ensure you don't exceed the limit.

May 8th, 9th and 10th - Andy Cameron, Seth and myself respectively participated in Transport Scotland Low Emission Zone Workshops in Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dundee respectively. Transport Scotland are on-side though persuading the individual Councils of Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeen may need further persuasion to Prevent restrictions of PTW's in their individual areas.

May 8th - Attended Glasgow MAG meeting and got positive feedback from Andy on his session Transport Scotland; and recognise that PTW's contribute less than 0.1% of NOx and would not be high on their list of targets, looking to tackle high polluters as a priority.

May 9th - Attended Edinburgh MAG meeting.

May 27th - Attended and Worked Durham Bike Show.

South East: Steve Mallett

Not too much happening on the campaigning front during the last 2 months.

April 8th, N Kent AGM, observed by Chris Atkins. Self re-elected as Branch Rep.

April 16th, E Surrey AGM, self as observer, Chris Atkins re-elected as Rep. Very poor turnout.

Sat 11th May, MAG publicity tent was at the Gravesend Sentinels SC rally.

Sun 2nd June, MAG publicity tent will be at Medway Triumph Owners Club annual show.

Kalona Simmons and Susan Jones of East Kent MAG have been holding weekly bike nights on Dover Seafont at their 'Pebbles Beach Kiosk'. They've been shifting plenty of MAG publicity and info.

I was unable to attend the April NC due to a long standing prior engagement, Chris Atkins stood in for me. Many thanks to him.

Chichester MAG is folding. Graham Harmer (Rep) is moving to Slough and Chris Sharrod, Treasurer and the only other branch officer, is not prepared to carry on. Monies and accounts will be sent to Central.

Southern:Tim Peregrine

- Attended 59 Club Service at St Paul's Cathedral
- Observed Portsmouth AGM.
- Monthly Regional meetings held.
- Regional AGM - September 14th - Queens Head, Colden Common- Observer requested.
- Working with Basingstoke Rep, as we have provisional agreement for Diesel Spills campaign with Kier Strategic Highways
- Engagement with County Road Safety Forum Team.

Activities reported by the Groups:

Basingstoke

The Group held it's AGM with no changes in the roles observed by Regional Finance Officer. Members of the Group attended Basingstoke Festival of Transport with the MAG stand. Members supporting activities in Thames Valley

Portsmouth

The Group held its AGM with no changes in the roles observed by Regional Rep. Bikes on the Boardwalk night with Pompey Bikers, very successful. Positive feedback in the Group, after attendance by Colin, ahead of his meeting. Positive response to mixing MAG nights between MAG & social side. Attended Gosport Scooter Club - with MAG in a Box. Attended Breach Of The Peace Rally with MAG stand.

Salisbury

Working closely to monitor Secure Parking installation in Brown Street, by the Council. Positive information, and proposal to fund will be 2nd June. Social ride to Wales Bunk House Weekend, well attended. Attended Sarum Bikers Show. Monitoring Consultation on redevelopment of Malting area of City Centre to ensure caters for PTW under Transport Policy.

Southampton

Good attendance at Southampton MAG Show. Also attended Breach Of The Peace Rally. Working to forge stronger links with Blackfield Bike night for other possible events.

Winchester

Group remain consistent and in support of other Groups in the Region

South Wales:Phil McFadden

Apologies to the NC meeting once again from South Wales, I'll be at a local classic bike event & nobody else has come forward.

Cardiff & Aberystwyth continue to host/attend lots of meetings, events and ride outs, but this has been a very quiet period for Brecon and Pembroke, both of which have noted diminished interest in meetings, which will be less regular for the foreseeable.

The Vulnerable Road Users' meetings have begun with a promising start.

Thankful Villages Run 2 will take place over a long last weekend of June, all welcome to join a leg or the whole event -please see the Facebook page for further details.

The Aber Rally/South Wales AGM is once again firmly on course for a splendid weekend at the seaside 12-14 July.

South West:(Paul Carter)

Since the last NC meeting I have been on holiday and therefore have not been very active in the role.

The South West regional meetings continue bi monthly. These are usually quite well attended. The next meeting will be held in Bridport on the 15th June.

Cornwall are preparing for the End of the Road rally in August.

North Devon are busy running monthly bike nights in Barnstaple, the first two this year have been well attended. They will be attending a number of events this summer with the MAG stand including Beaford bike show, Party in the Park in Barnstaple and the End of the Road Rally. The Ilfracombe bike show preparations are well under way. Three members went to Yorkshire's Into the Valley rally and carried out various roles including security and bar work.

Taunton organised another brewery visit and by all accounts a good night was had by all who attended. The Tone Vale Tea Rally was once again a resounding success. They also look forward to attending several events over the summer.

West Dorset ran a successful one day bike show and continue to hold monthly meetings.

Nothing to report from East Dorset.

Mid Cornwall hold well attended monthly meetings. They will be taking their MAG stand to the Truro Bike and Trike show again this year and are planning a social evening on July 13th to celebrate one year of running.

Thames Valley:Pete Seymour

- This is the time of year when the region comes together and support each other to hold our annual four big events. As a result meetings tend to be irregular and largely social.
- Prior to the Easter Bike Show Reading MAG had a one day Bike Awareness stand in the middle of Reading Broad Street. The purpose of which is to engage with and raise general public awareness of biking generally, including the Bike Show. We're not allowed to sell memberships but do a lot of encouraging, signposting to training centres, answering questions etc. as well as putting our national and local campaign agendas out there.
- The Easter Sunday Bike Show had fantastic weather and as a result, a great attendance and we made a bit of money. Traditionally this helps fund the Lion Rally set up costs. There was a large ride-in from the patch clubs who are always very supportive of our events. It seems also, that a lot of sunny weather riders simply wanted a ride-out destination on the day, saw the event in the media, and came some distances.
- Wycombe MAG held the annual Dirty Donkey event, new Rep Chris and the team did a fantastic job and the weather held good.
- Preparations are well in hand for the Lion Rally which will be held on the same weekend as the NC meeting. Therefore we will be serving pints of high quality Rebellion ale instead of attending the meeting. London Steve who drew the original Lion for the rally has produced some amazing new works which we will be displaying as giant posters in the beer tent. We live in hope that the weather forecasters are wrong!

- We continue to regularly attend the monthly Thames Valley Coalition meetings. Although we were to unable to attend in person last month, the Coalition Secretary is also a MAG member and the Thames Valley Deputy Rep.
- There have been some new memberships signed up. I understand these are largely returning previous members, and very welcome they are too.

Western:George Legg

Attended the last NC meeting and helped at Taunton MAG's Tone Vale Tea Rally.

West Midlands:Graham Wells

Still trying to encourage some new faces to come to meetings and on rallies.

I attended the Tone Vale rally and had a great weekend, and helped man the MAG stand with Colin at the Ride4Life air ambulance charity day at RAF Cosford. Unfortunately life getting in the way meant I couldn't get there till lunchtime but I managed to talk to a few people who didn't know what we were about. I have met with Ruth the Burton rep and Nigel the Black Country rep to discuss the Brum demo amongst other things, and have attended the Black Country and West Midlands meetings.

Yorkshire:Richard Manton

The Yorkshire region continues to keep me very busy.

I organised a ride out to The Craven Collection (Classic Bike museum featured on Shed and Buried) attended by Leeds and South Yorkshire groups.

Marshalled at ITV and also produced posters to ask for people to start up a North Yorkshire group - unfortunately no takers.

We had a regional meeting last month with quite a poor turnout, possibly caused by the main MAG email server having such a tiny limit for messages (had to wait for moderator approval as the email sent to members had a couple of images in it which took it above the 40kb limit) meaning that the email didn't reach members until after the meeting.

Had a meeting with Leeds City Council regarding secure motorcycle parking. We had £16k per year, per Council for the next 4 years granted by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Leeds hadn't spent the 2018 due to city centre redevelopment, so they've still got that plus the 2019 money. They've agreed to round this figure up to £50k for this year and we've discussed sites both in central Leeds and the outlying towns. We're reconvening in July after investigation work.

Other work with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority continues.

Planning is in full swing for the Farmyard Party and the AGC.

I continue to produce a monthly newsletter that goes to all Yorkshire members which is well received but continually falls foul of the 40kb data limit.

I was also observer at the Huddersfield MAG AGM.

ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair:

Much of the same from me including being out and about marshalling at Into the Valley and relaxing(ish) at Tone Vale Tea.

Attended Board & NC meeting (prep inc. Board agenda and issuing reports from Executive Officer and Political team).

Contact with office and Political team (currently a little out of phase due to Bank holidays etc).

Articles for BSH and The ROAD.

Input on the NC email list, PR team, letters to BBC & TfL as required.

Tasks relating to email lists.

Ongoing work in the Thames Valley Region.

Support (in the background) for new local rep West Norfolk.

Sharing things on Facebook.

Herts & Essex Region AGM was cancelled at the last minute.

Delegating occasionally!

Vice Chair:

I've had quite a busy time in personal life since my last report so have not done as much for MAG as I would have liked.

I attended the April Board and NC meeting and have continued to help on the PR team and also in managing the national Facebook page. I have responded to requests for comment on a number of issues being dealt with by our political team and esteemed Editor, as well as responding to Board related matters.

I continue to have articles published in South East Biker magazine.

I have coordinated volunteer marshals for a local vintage/historic vehicle show later in June which last year netted a £250 donation to MAG, so fingers crossed for a similar donation this year.

iii. *National Reps' Liaison Officer*

Since attending the last NC meeting I have worked at Into the Valley for MAP, which was a great weekend despite the cold.

I continue to email the UK reps with info while being conscious that I do not want to bombard them with emails.

I have bumped into a couple more group reps at events and have assured them that I am available for info and help should they require it.

My latest email was about marshalling at the larger events. I think the more folks who take up the chance to do so the more solidarity we have across the national group. I attached the links to the MAP events and to Stormin' the Castle marshals pages.

I am an admin on the national FB page.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

v. *National Web Research Officer*

Continuing to troll the web for stuff for the campaigns team and Network.

vi. *Network Officer*

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to discontinue reports for this position.

vii. *Executive Officer*

Updates

Offices – PAT testing completed in April with all appliances passing. The telephone system had a technical issue with a software update, this was resolved over a 24 hour period between BT and the office IT. Vodafone have advised that they are no longer supplying Business Broadband so I have cancelled the contract which will take effect on 12th June 2019. The leased line system works well and have negotiated a further contract increasing speeds without additional cost. Otherwise all else within the office is in order. GDPR compliance annual review has taken place and we will be introducing a 'clean desk' policy to further ensure compliance.

IT – I have been in communication with Mark Young and this is work in progress. I have very limited time to look at what Mark has done and where he is up to and am struggling to give time to this along with updating the database to allow rep access. This is as I head towards Year-End. I will block some time out to allow me to concentrate on this area so to allow progress.

MAG Foundation – In total have given three grants to Stolen Bike recovery schemes and agreed to support Colin by offering prizes details still to be agreed. Two outdoor banners purchased promoting The Foundation and what it does, Tony has 1 and the other is with the event stand.

Staff – Carol is currently being trained regarding the direct debits, we have allotted a weekly session to do this so that other work is not interrupted and is going to plan. All other work is up to date. She worked well and maintained her composure with the telephone issue. Colin continues to work hard and is managing a work/life balance (to my knowledge), his laptop has been updated and now has access to the office systems. *** The main subject continues to be ULEZ, the Campaigns Team have started the process to make a formal complaint via the Local Authorities Ombudsman to gain a Judicial Review. Our complaints went to every senior Officer and Board Member of TfL along with our plea for suspension of ULEZ for motorcycles from the Chair, so that the position can be reviewed formally. All possibilities of complaint were covered and we have had one response covering both the letters. Colin continues to push modal shift. Coventry has formally been told to have a Class D charging zone and we have reached out to them to help, we are waiting for Officer contact regarding this. Colin to present 3 new possible national campaigns. Lembit is following other avenues with our attack on ULEZ and passing information on where necessary. He has met with Chris Grayling. Silvertown has raised its head again and Lembit is trying to gain more information regarding the tolls and who is exempt. We all continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis and I am in contact as needed by each, this continues and works well the telephone conversations with the Chair should now be bi-weekly in the in between weeks so not to duplicate.

The Employee Handbook continues to be under review, so that it is maintained and up to date with legislation.

SMART Pension continues to work simply and easily, the changes regarding pension contributions for the new financial year will take effect automatically and not increase the current employer contribution.

Sub-Contractors contracts – No change with Mr M and the Sub-Editor role was accepted by Charley Davies. This will be monitored and reviewed as per the contract this being the first full involvement and will report at the meeting any further update.

My role – I have now completed the returns via Making Tax Digital (MTD) for the first time, things were not very smooth initially with permissions needing to be set up for each of the businesses via SAGE, but once completed the process itself was no different. The site was busy so it did drop out on a few occasions but that was to be expected as everyone would have had to set the permissions first before being enabled to transmit data. Due to workload I am still to look at options for payments at events without signing in to a long contract or to have to pay the high short term costs, it may take a different format but there are options out there GDPR implications will need to be thought about for this purpose. I have started to train Carol with the set-up of direct debits and once she is happy with the first stage I will move on to the physical collections. We have set aside time each week to look at processes that Carol can take on, so it is in progress. The additional database back up is being trailed by Leslie as currently the download has the data but when reloaded it is corrupt, so work in progress. I have not pushed Andy Meredith regarding costing up a replacement server as he has been extremely busy at work, I will remind him again when more appropriate. Insurance has been renewed.

Health & Safety – no issues to report.

MAG Member Benefits

MAG Legal helpline – SorryMate membership card – this has been queried as it is too similar to the MAG membership card, when they set up a re-print I will ask for this to be amended so it is clear.

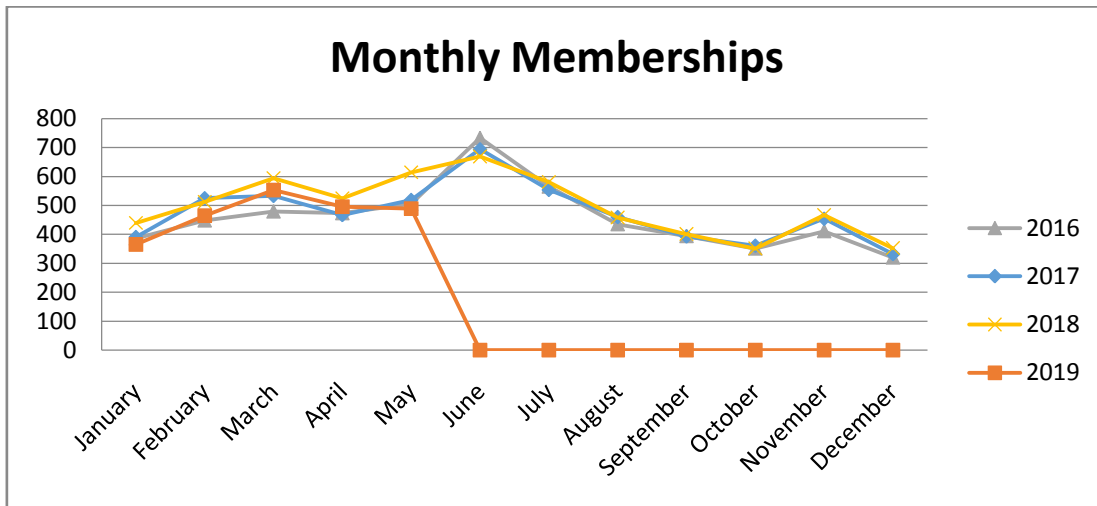
MAG Travel – June offer 10% off for MAG members – to be sent out via email and advertised on social media a.s.a.p.

*** Denotes redacted text

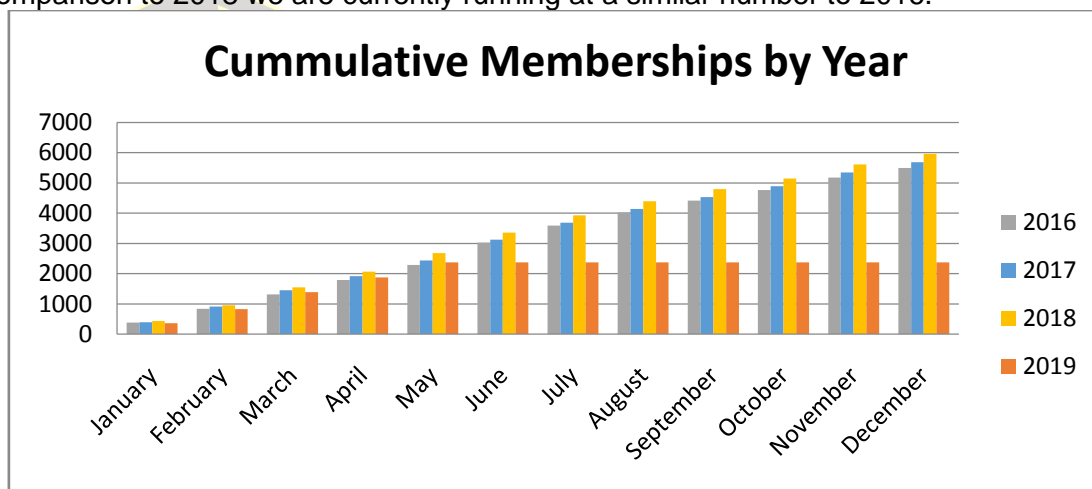
viii. *Finance and membership figures*

The usual brief style 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 2019 (please note that these are draft figures until all standing orders/Bikesure figures are completed for the end of May).

The below graph shows that memberships by month have started off lower than the last three years, and was average up until April, May 2019 is incomplete but is at its worse for the month of May. Hopefully once Bikesure figures and the final Standing Order memberships are added things will look better; please note these are not reconciled month end figures. Bikesure memberships for 2019 to 20.05.19 (total of 344) are slightly less compared to the same period in 2018 (427). 2018 saw new memberships for the same time at 350 and renewal of 77 memberships, the current year new memberships are at 199 and renewals are at 145. The retention rate is improving but new memberships have gone down. To try to put this into context and looking at the figures we are not attracting new members January to May 2018 we attracted 545 new memberships compared to 2019 384 new memberships. At ITV we took 8 memberships in 2019 compared to 20 in 2018 (this reduction may also be attributed to direct debit take up).



So far this year the cummulative membership figures has seen a decrease of 316 memberships in comparison to 2018 we are currently running at a similar number to 2016.



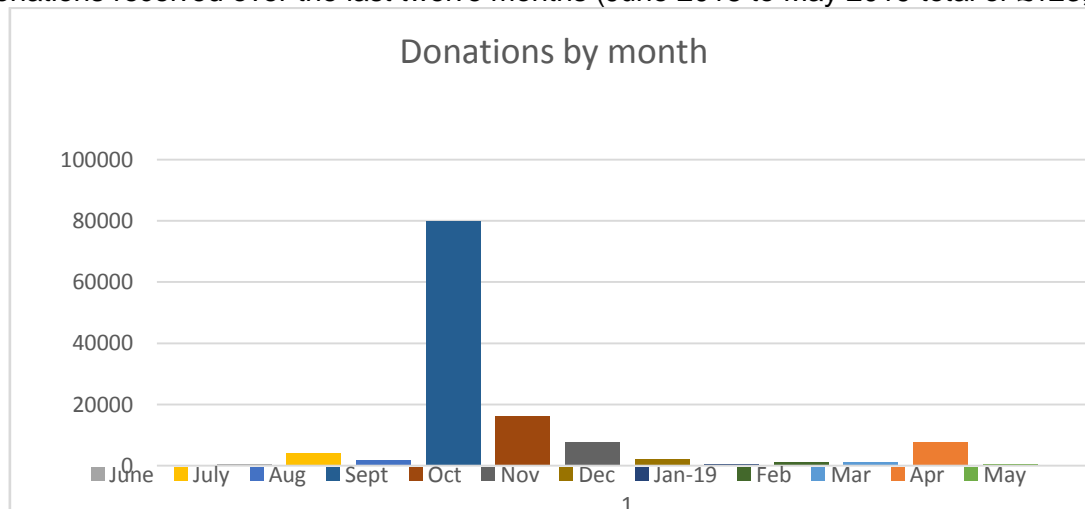
There is a total of 1,388 Life members. The database currently shows the total membership at 7268 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 21 corporate members and 99 clubs. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 71 Nominated Officers. April is the main month for club renewals but these are still coming in.

Cash balances as at today 03.06.19 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Apr 2019	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	03.06.19	10,494.89	5,604.85	4,890.04 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	03.06.19	150,280.54	160,267.52	9,986.98 ↓
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	03.06.19	1,530.00	3,198.05	1,668.05 ↓
NEL	Lloyds – current	22.05.19	6,503.44	1,559.95	4,943.49 ↑
MAG	Lloyds – current	22.05.19	7,255.24	10,949.24	3,694.00 ↓

Foundation					
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	22.05.19	12,107.13	16,707.12	4,599.99↓

Reserves are currently at just over 5 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (June 2018 to May 2019 total of £123,497).



ix. *Foundation*

No report submitted.

12. Any other business:

i. *Patron: an update*

AC noted that MAG had formally written to *** regarding discussing becoming a MAG Patron but that there had been no response to date.

Following a brief discussion it was decided to chase this up and also to look into approaching a second candidate.

To approach *** to express MAG's interest in having them as a Patron of the organisation.

Proposed: Tracy Smith; Seconded: Richard Manton. Carried.

AC will coordinate an approach with a member who may have an 'in' with this candidate.

ii. *Club affiliation*

Covered under Board report.

iii. *Nominations for awards*

SL reminded NC that nominations for awards, motions to Conference and Manifestos must arrived at Central Office by 30/06/19 latest. Details are published in The Road.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 10th August 2019.

Appendices

Campaigns Priorities

Colin Brown

Action Point Priority	Action Point	Completion/update	Lead
1	<p>Resource Library Create library of documents, references easily.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create library 	<p>ASAP WikiMAG</p> <p>Ongoing – no significant progress – slowly collating evidence and reports</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>LÖ to support</p>
2	<p>Clean Air Zone Promote exemption from ULEZ, tax on CAZ's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands – Birmingham CAZ • Area's at risk • Transport Select Committee Active Travel • Scotland 	<p>Various Ongoing</p> <p>Sylvia Broadley meeting produced commitment to include MAG as stakeholders in consultations on EV charging infrastructure – idea of encouraging behaviour change to smaller vehicles accepted but no evidence that it will be promoted. Emailed Ian Ward to ask for meeting to discuss overarching policy 22/5</p> <p>Coventry is the big news – will update the document prior to NC meeting</p> <p>Awaiting further progress on Inquiry</p> <p>Awaiting May stakeholder meetings- Steve</p>	<p>LÖ CB to support</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manchester• Bath• Cambridge• Wales• Solihull• Worcestershire	<p>Wykes to confirm if my attendance is required. Catch up call with Transport Scotland scheduled for early June</p> <p>E-mailed Joanna Lane 29/4 – chase email 10/5 Manchester have now (14/5) launched their consultation – details forwarded to Anne for Network</p> <p>Emailed Councillor Mark Shelford 17/12. Chase email sent 10/4 Shelford pointed in the direction of Chris Major as lead officer – email sent to Major 10/5 – Meeting set for 13/6</p> <p>Response to Better Transport Choices Survey submitted 31/3/19</p> <p>Cardiff have announced that they will not be proposing a CAZ emailed Cllr Caro Wild (Cardiff) 1st April Emailed cllr Stenner (Caerphilly) 1st April requesting meetings to discuss promotion of PTWs – No response to date Chase emails sent to Wild & Stenner 10/5</p> <p>Chased Sangeeta Leahy 12th March. No response to date.</p> <p>18/4 Emailed Cllr Tony Miller (cabinet member with responsibility or</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newcastle• Bristol• Essex• Hull	<p>environment) requesting meeting. Response received from Cllr Miller promising that meeting dates would be forthcoming Chase email sent to Miller 10/5 –</p> <p>Consultation submission sent 17/5</p> <p>Met with Cllr Dudd and Simon Cowley (Policy Manager) accompanied by Geoff Mills on 25/4. Positive meeting – hope to get access to the consulting company working on their AQ Business plan which also works on Bath's plan. Bristol is likely to go with Class C CAZ as Bath</p> <p>Response from Cllr Bentley 17/4 – brush off but did mention review of LTP – have requested meeting with council officers ahead of any consultation- email response received 18/4 saying he will investigate with relevant officers Chase email to Bentley 10/5</p> <p>Spoke to David White 16/5 – potential for a good relationship here – transport plan may soon be reviewed – this will be the opportunity to make real input. They are certainly off the list</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coventry• The Real Urban Emissions Initiative• Dr Karl Ropkins (Leeds Uni)• Kings College London report Tale of Two Cities	<p>for locations for CAZs – DW has even agreed this with DEFRA and Client Earth.</p> <p>News broke that Coventry’s plans to avoid a CAZ have been rejected by DEFRA and that Coventry has now been instructed to introduce a class D CAZ</p> <p>Made approach to Cllr Jim O’Boyle 16/5 requesting urgent meeting</p> <p>Chase email sent to O’Boyle 22/5</p> <p>Emailed Cllr Duggins (leader of the Council) 23/5</p> <p>Made contact with Rachel Muncrief of TRUE – “have not yet reported any data on motorcycle emissions. However we do plan to release something in 2019 (date TBD) that will also use data we recently collected in Paris.” . Chase email sent 9/4/19Response indicates “in the summer”</p> <p>Established that Dr Ropkins in d/ing research into real world emissions for motorcycles – arranged meeting on 24/4 – Meeting was extremely positive – KR is a biker – will continue to build a relationship here. Have made introduction to Tony</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Anderson COMEAP • Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) 	<p>Cox</p> <p>Response and further questions on the report following my analysis of AQM/Traffic Count sites and specific location traffic count data sent 15/5</p> <p>Have approached professor Anderson (member of COMEAP that authored the minority report) asking for meeting to discuss PM2.5 in more detail. No response to date – will attempt to contact the other two minority report authors. Emailed Prof Maynard and Dr Atkinson 9/4 – Prof Maynard responded same day to say he could not help.</p> <p>Have started digging into reports from the US equivalent of COMEAP – there appears to be a number of reports being considered that undermine the claims of causal link with Particulate Matter</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime/Home Office • Home Office • West Midlands Crime Pilot 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>CB to pursue calling for change to HO rules on vehicle crime reporting No progress to date</p> <p>No progress since last report. Meeting set with Insp Richard Youds 11/6</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>Support from TF and Steve Bolton</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular/Automated FOI request process • MET activity 	<p>CB to put together wording for FOI and then analyse any data Working on data spreadsheet and messaging for campaign</p> <p>Have confirmed to Chief Inspector Jim Corbett that MAG are keen to continue engagement on bike crime in London. No response to date.</p>	
4	<p>MCIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership working 	<p>Ongoing Awaiting March “summit” with MCIA as suggested by Tony Campbell</p>	LÖ/CB
5	<p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TfL • Staffordshire • National Young Rider Group • London Road Safety Council 	<p>Watching brief awaiting further developments – expect to discuss VZ at next meeting with Steph Bertolli</p> <p>Preparing for summer events – biker breakfasts and young rider BBQ’s – have introduced Will Hopkins of MotoMates to Kevin Wilcox</p> <p>Next meeting 14/5 – have asked for agenda item to discuss MotoMates Attended meeting 14/5</p> <p>Invited to join full LRSC to represent</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of London Riders Forum • Young Rider Focus 2019 • Transport Select Committee Inquiry – Road Safety • Professor Arno Eichberger 	<p>MAG – possibly to do a presentation at the next full LRSC meeting in April LRSC meeting due 10th April – will include a TfL Vision Zero presentation – I do not intend to pull any punches.</p> <p>Contact received from Rory McMullen – organising a safety event 27/6. Asking for MAG support – looking to include MAG Foundation/GL MAG and also Javed Hussain.</p> <p>Attended on 6th March</p> <p>Written submission sent 17/4</p> <p>Contacted Prof Eichberger following reports of a study showing that training on a driving simulator can significantly improve noticing motorcycles. Have passed on to Ian Churchlow to share with FEMA and received full copy of report in German from Eichberger – now need a translation!</p>	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting MAG Foundation 	<p>Possible lead with City of London Riders Forum</p>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modal Share and Safety research 	<p>Working on finished report</p>	
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULEZ Judicial Review/Ongoing Campaign 	<p>Letter to Khan requesting suspension to PTW charges due to</p>	

		<p>COPERT “evidence” sent 26/4 - PR released 29/4</p> <p>Further admission on COPERT is that they have no emission degradation data for motorcycles – therefore NAEI data appears to be using same factors for cars and motorcycles which is highly questionable and over-estimates PTW emissions</p> <p>Have sent formal complaint to TfL copied to all directors re CoC inconsistency/single testing station/lack of publicity</p>	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign Ideas 	Working on 3 new campaign suggestions for consideration by NC	

NC report: Lembit Öpik

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Action Point Priority	Action Point	Completion/update	Lead
1	<p>Clean Air Zones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturers continue to be under pressure to provide Certificates of Conformity (CoCs), and it has been confirmed MAG’s campaign has massively increased requests. • Expensive (£175) individual testing at Riverside. However, it looks like this is being effective at creating exemptions for many riders. Other garages don’t want to make the investment in equipment and a rolling road. Chas’s Bikes Lambeth won’t offer alternative facility 	<p>Various</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to help riders with CoC process. Be willing to work with manufacturers if they ask to work with us on long term, low-admin solutions. 2. Talk the technical aspects through with Tony Cox. Speak with Riverside and seek a discount for MAG members. 3. Generate militant multi-faceted campaign. 4. Return to UN after ULEZ campaign reaches more advanced state. 5. Return to WHO after UN engaged. 6. Work with VMCC as needed. 	LÖ/CB

	<p>because of cost and space issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad front of attack to start now as TfL has made it clear they will NOT currently negotiate with MAG. • United Nations: follow up meeting about emissions policies pending. • World Health Organisation: next approach pending. • Roger Bibbings (VMCC) on side. • Client earth: no response from Andrea Lee. • Fuel additives available for testing if we can get the equipment to test emissions. • BBC commits more errors – John Humphreys said ‘anyone with more than six brain cells knows there’s a climate change crisis.’ Lembit has highlighted the poor coverage to BBC management. • Shaun Bailey has clarified he will resist expansion of ULEZ. • It looks like nobody has yet been fined for not paying the ULEZ tax – a situation circumstantially confirmed by Chas. We can test who has been auto-charged and who hasn’t, on basis that we can find out how much is actually going on in terms of charging. • Ombudsman challenge includes argument they’re increasing pollution by incentivising shift from less polluting to more polluting vehicles, as people can register 1 vehicle: so it’ll be a car not an old bike. • Wild claims about toxic air are contained in TfL response to Selina. • There’s been a claim that there’s relationship between NOx and crime! • Highlight emissions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Issue public statement challenging Client Earth for failing to help reduce emissions in the shortest time. 8. Howard Cox in regular contact and ready to supply product for proper, objective testing. 9. Remorselessly complain every time they make an error. 10. Help Shaun with briefings as the Mayoral campaign continues. 11. Use info to gauge level of enforcement. Invite riders to provide us with info. We need this to plan our next move about creating some test cases in law. 12. Use Ombudsman process to cause stress and effort for TfL and to win our complaints. Consider moving this towards judicial review. Explore discrimination precedent: lorries are charged more than cars – so why aren’t bikes charged less? Highlight the Freeman monopoly. 13. Generate a cast-iron case to undermine why Mayor allows NOx from gas to ‘poison’ school children, and PMs to ‘poison’ commuters on Underground. Highlight claim that these cause cancer according to TfL. Establish a narrative regarding cancer, NOx, PMs, aviation, ships and MBNA. Check gas density. List all the pressure points and go for the jugular. 14. Explore if those who cook with gas have caused this same phenomenon in their homes – namely, more criminals. Also ask why schools can generate NOx if this increases crime stats. 15. One example is Thames Clipper boat bus service: do the calculation between ship emissions per passenger versus a motorcycle. 16. Publicise anxiety amongst children and parents due to the health fears scandal 17. Revisit our research on safe ‘threshold’ levels – explain the difference between threshold and 	
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	<p>contradictions across the energy usage board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An attempt at creating a precedent in law to show bad air killed a very ill girl is taking place. The abuse of health data is causing fear amongst young people. • The authorities and scientists fail to understand the difference between 'threshold' and 'taper' emissions models, and draw the wrong conclusions as a result. 	<p>taper. Force a reaction from the scientists and TfL. This is a big issue for them because of the contradictions in their policies.</p>	
2	<p>Cradle to Grave</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New information from Germany helps MAG's case. 2. Discuss the cradle to grave analysis with UN. 3. Align with Benny Peisner, Global Warming Policy Foundation: 'coalition of common sense.' 4. Repeated errors in media. 	<p>On-going</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use this data as needed. 2. Meet David Rubia (UN) about cradle to grave comparisons. 3. Work with Benny as appropriate. 4. Challenge all faulty reporting on cradle to grave analysis. 	LÖ
3	<p>PRs and Media</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain regular process. 2. TfL side by side bike test PR. 3. Find out if anyone has had a fine. 4. BBC complaint. 5. Network. 6. The Road. 7. Involve Evening Standard in ULEZ campaign. 8. Dr Fuller has been rumbled by MAG. 	<p>Continuous</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan week's PRs on Friday. 2. Ask for biker volunteers. 3. Fines PR. Ask who's signed up to be automatically charged. How many times have they been charged? 4. PR each time they get it wrong. 5. Done. 6. Done. 7. Raise the campaign there using data and challenging them. 8. Attack the man's poor science, not the 'good Doctor' himself. 	LÖ CB to support t
4	<p>Consultations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No major consultations due to Brexit paralysis. 2. Report in The Road on speed control by 2022. 3. George Legg trolling provides useful information. 	<p>On-going</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep watching brief. 2. Done. 3. Lembit and Colin following 'trollings' of George which are very valued. 	LÖ/CB
5	<p>Vision Zero</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EU rules responsible for this. 2. Nick Rawlings invited MAG to present 13/14 Nov 2019 at National Road Safety Conference 	<p>Developing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We now have a data set ('Crash Map') to enable analysis of actual situation regarding speed, location and accident levels. 2. STILL awaiting confirmation. 	LÖ

7	<p>Politicians</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be available to assist Tory Prime Ministerial hopefuls with PTW policy. 2. EU elections led to big victory for Farage and Brexit Party 3. Chris Grayling, SoS for Transport copy approved the article. 4. Find out legal case of the NOx inquest. 	<p>Nov/Dec 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Help frontrunners to be up to speed on biking policy – he has a good chance of being next PM. 2. Farage was very supportive of our case. We need to make the most of this without expressing partisan support. 3. Article appearing in The Road and Lembit assisting with tech info on emissions. Send a note to Mr Grayling about use of smallest viable transport – including ‘L’ and PTWs – to reduce emissions. Broad policy guidance: use lightest weight vehicle you can. 4. Establish process of NOx inquest – is it one sided or are both represented. Lembit to reach out to the actual organisers of the inquest. 	LÖ
8	<p>MCIA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ask Tony Campbell and Craig for meeting date. 2 Prepare strategic proposal. 3 Lembit met Craig and no news about anything except ‘L’ Category strategy. 	<p>On-going</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 No sign of a meeting. Remain open to the meeting if and when it comes. 2 Prepare this only once we have the date in the diary. 3 Agree to help with ‘L Cat’ projects only if useful to MAG. 	LÖ/CB
9	<p>RECRUITMENT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Membership recruitment strategy. 	<p>On-going</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 After Ian C. approval, then board. 	LÖ/CB
10	<p>EXPENSES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Keep current. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Send to Julie each month. 	LÖ