

National Committee Attendance Sheet					
National Committee Meeting				Date:10/08/2019	
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	✓	
Alhadeff	Andy		MonkeyButt representative	✓	
Wiltshire	Stephen		MonkeyButt representative	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: August 10, 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:

Alex Bridgwood returned as Lincolnshire RR.
Phil Mc Fadden returned as S. Wales RR.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. *Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

To accept the June 2019 NC Minutes.

Proposed: George Legg; Seconded: Richard Manton. Carried.

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

None.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

Circulated and amended.

LÖ stated that the concerns of Guide Dogs UK and Age Concern were regarding safety of pedestrians, abuse of pavements and electric vehicles (in respect to lack of sound).

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

Clean Air Zones (CAZs) were summed up as “ongoing uncertainty” but there are currently no specific issues around PTWs. SL asked whether there would be any traction in making contact with Chambers of Commerce, as these initiatives are likely to impact on business. However, the Political Team stated that it

would be unlikely, given that some multi-nationals actively discourage their staff from using PTWs to travel to work.

A response is still awaited from Dr Gary Fuller, after engaging with him regarding his air quality research paper.

CB noted that the MCIA report "The Route to Tomorrow's Journeys: Powered Light Vehicles" (LCAT) was subcontracted and that it is likely that it would have achieved a better result if it had concentrated purely on PTWs.

The implications of reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is that the internal combustion engine (ICE) and PTWs are detrimental to the environment and Transport for London (TfL) are advertising statistics that suggest that most pollution in London is due to traffic. However, this is a misrepresentation as only 11% of particulate matter (PM) is generated from this source. It is interesting to note that 38% of NoX is generated from gas appliances. A complaint to the Advertising Standards Agency is under consideration.

MAG will be represented at a forthcoming Road Safety Conference as LÖ has been invited to speak, and he will use this opportunity to challenge Vision Zero. CB will be attending a Smarter Tomorrow event and presenting MAG's "PTWs: An Air Quality Solution" paper. SL requested PRs to be generated prior to both of these events.

The team is keeping a watching brief on any developments regarding the first death that has been officially recorded as being due to pollution, as in the longer term there are implications regarding compensation. London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, is now claiming 100,000 deaths due to pollution.

The recent changes in Government personnel may prove useful in MAG's ongoing work.

The PCC elections taking place in May 2020 were highlighted, and it was noted that the bike theft rankings report generated by CB has hit the mark. He has requested that any information regarding PCC candidates is forwarded to him.

AC reported that 5,000 leaflets have been provided to SportsBikeShop for inclusion in a week's worth of orders. There is a possibility of building this relationship going forward.

In respect to bikes in bus lanes, Leeds Council is continuing to be uncooperative, despite the overall support from the WYCA. There is also progress in the West Midlands and opportunities to be developed in London. There needs to be a recruitment drive and a video is to be created with this in mind.

CB and LÖ noted that MAG must stand its ground, make its case and fight the battles that it must. IM stated that rather than challenging the statistics, MAG should concentrate on PTWs as part of the solution. LÖ made the point that where the statistics are wrong, they need to be challenged because of the implications of a ban on internal combustion engines. A discussion ensued.

MCIA has been approached regarding MAG taking on the Ride2Work campaign but no response has been received to date. A response from Ride2Work itself is also awaited.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

All present; no interim Skype meetings. No appointments or resignations. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. Action Points carried over to email.

JS reported that all is going well with no issues to raise.

SL and AC met with IM and then LÖ regarding some matters of concern; the situation will be monitored.

Website: JS has requested that Mark Young link some pages to the new site.

No FEMA meeting since last Board meeting.

The new sub-editor has settled in with all concerned happy.

Brief discussion around who will present which reports at AGC.

It was noted that the NC list should be considered to be as a workplace and, as such, has no place for inappropriate or offensive language.

SL noted that she and MAG are happy to provide references to volunteers for work/study placements.

The next Board meeting will take place on the evening before AGC at the AGC venue; the NC will meet briefly on the morning of AGC.

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.

The group have had some Ride & Dine's to keep the group together socially.

Furness MAG.

Dead End Rally was sold out and a write up in The Road and local paper

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/Whitehaven MAG.

Attended the Dead End Rally, met up with John Woodcock MP at the rally as he was a guest judge.

Wrote the article for The Road and local paper.

East Anglia:(vacant)

No report available.

Eastern:(vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands:(vacant)

No report available.

Greater London:Tim Fawthrop

Peter Ramsbottom is doing a great job covering the meetings I cannot attend and various other jobs.

June 2019

Attended the Kent Custom Mash up on June 9th. We put the MAG gazebo to good use on its first outing and signed up 2 new members, we also talked to a lot of people about the various issues affecting us.

Branch meetings are still poorly attended and sometimes no one turns up at the 3 venues. We maintain a good presence on social media though, Facebook is active and Twitter campaigns get a good response.

Working on the London Borough of Waltham Forest (LBWF) PTW parking permit requirement by residents.

July 2019

I managed to attend a couple of the branch meetings, contributed to social media and put in an FOI to LBWF with regard to their consultation and impact assessment on the PTW resident parking.

August 2019

Upcoming meeting on Thursday 8th August with various London Mayors regarding motorcycle security and knife crime, Javed Hussain invited me to come along.

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire:Alex Bridgwood

Since my last report for the April NC meeting we have had a couple of things happen within the Region. On Sunday 16th June the Region held our AGM. This was attended by the officers in post and saw me re-elected as Regional Rep for another year.

On the 30th June Lincolnshire MAG members helped on the gate at Swaton Village show. We will receive a donation from the organisers in due course.

We had a stand at Boston Bike Night on the 4th July which, unfortunately, generated minimal interest despite the large numbers in attendance.

Some Lincolnshire MAG members attended the Yorkshire Pudding Rally last weekend.

North East:Dave Wigham

The Durham show was a success, sponsored by 100% Biker it filled the city centre again. Blue gave us a magazine subscription for each of the 12 winners, something I understand 100% and Blue have never done before and Stormin threw in a pair of tickets for each prize winner so it was quite a haul. The event will again be publish in 100% later this year.

The second Regional Meeting of the year was held at Durham with the aim to sort out the Regional Account, this didn't in the get sorted out as too many signatures could not be tracked down.

Orcas seem to have become extinct or at least have stopped breeding. Since we started our campaign against these, they have not been used on any new developments.

Regional Transport Plans are in turmoil again and it may be that all the plans that regional councils worked on a couple of years ago, and that MAG regionally put so much effort into, may yet be reworked; we're watching and waiting.

We have held our own debrief and will be attending a debrief with the City folks shortly. The aim of these events is to raise MAG awareness again in an area where it is very difficult to operate as the various clubs carve up the area. We managed excellent media coverage but sadly the reporter stated in the newspaper that the best in show was a Twin Engined Brough Superior! What I actually said was a 'Vee twin Brough Superior.'

MAG again attended and supported the regional police at their Bikewise festival of biking where we had a cracking day. Key point around the North at these events is to sell tickets for the four big Northern events as this brings in early cash, we believe it generates extra ticket sales and a ticket sold is a ticket sold.

Police contacts have improved. It is always difficult to keep contacts with the police as jobs change and chief constables change. However due to the success with the Durham show we are taking on the admin and booking etc for the Durham Police annual bike festival Bikewise Custom and Classic show, this is quite a feather in our cap. Bikewise is the biggest single day biking event in the North (Proper North). We are hoping this will further improve our working relationship with the Police, as cut backs, austerity and retirements have wiped out our 'friends on the inside'.

Bike theft. The North East is not plagued by bike theft, our attempts to engage with the police have been limited as they only respond when it suits them and with cut backs and reduced police numbers this has become more difficult. Northumbria have set up Operation Benelli and through our contact at Durham we are hoping to engage in this at some point.

Low Emission zone. The work carried out by MAG over many years in gain zero road tolls at the local toll points and the adoption of that as a charging framework for the low emission zone means currently bikes are encouraged as part of the answer regionally to congestion and emissions but as I write the emission zone question is being re-evaluated. Bikes will still be exempt but the implementation of the zones are being looked at again.

Marshalling. After a few years in the doldrums, we are now seeing more of the North East marshals volunteering to work at the Yorkshire events and vice versa. The plan here is to simply swap ideas and improve unity at a grass roots marshal level, hopefully this will build year on year.

Stormin is next on the agenda and currently we are in full swing getting ready for that event.

Northern Ireland:Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Have not been able to do much on the MAG front due to health, but the Bike Show did happen, thanks to all those mates who made it happen. We did make a small loss financially, but was compensated by all the good feedback we got. Was a good turn out and have now even got contacts in two local scooter clubs. Was glad one scooter won a trophy (Best Original) Next year will do specific scooter classes and Trophies.

Will be at the Llangollen Bike Fest this weekend, have just been setting up there this morning, again thanks to my wife. Would be knackered without her at the moment.

Have also been invited to an event by the British Motorcycle Preservation Society, to be help on Llandudno Promenade on 1st September.

North West: Tony Cox

7th June: -Board meeting MAG Central

Could not attend as away at the TTs

8th June: - NC Meeting, Wren Hall, Wroxley

Was not able to attend and no replacement could be found from the region

28th May- 9th June: Isle of Man TT Races

Myself and Mark Batterton took the MAG stand across to the IOM for the practise week and TT race week. We ran the stand at three events, the Ramsey sprints on the Sunday and Tuesday of race week and also at the Moddey Dhoos TT Motorbike Show in Peel on the Thursday of race week. We took 1000 copies of the Road and distributed these around the course during practice and race week. Had plenty of good feedback but not many new members as many foreign visitors and many on a strict budget but would like to think that the info is taken away and digested, hopefully promoting folk to join at a later date. My ultimate aim is to see the reformation of Manx MAG and I feel it is getting closer. Had a few meetings whilst on the island with folk who would support a local group but still no one volunteering to take on the job of rep. We were also marshalling the races whilst we were over there and building some good relations with the TT Marshalls Association and MAG.

28-30th June: - Blackpool MAG 22nd Rally, Fleetwood Rugby Club

Decent weather made running the rally a lot pleasanter but numbers were down this year on previous years due to a number of events on the same weekend. Not seen the final figures but will have made a decent profit and all those that came seemed to enjoy themselves with no incidents to report.

7th July: - Blackpool Stanley Park Motorcycle Show

Cracking turn out, 300 + bikes and trikes and excellent weather. Trophies were sponsored by North West Honda Blackpool this year. All profits from the show will be going to the MAG Foundation as to hire the park for a charity was £53, but if it was for MAG UK it would have been in excess of £500!

MAG Foundation

Still being kept busy with Foundation stuff. Designed a couple of adverts for the event programmes for the Farmyard Party and Stormin the Castle as we are sponsoring the wristbands this year. The new website is up and running, www.mag-foundation.org I did ask for feedback in my last report but not a single person got back to me which basically shows that either no one can be bothered or no one actually reads these reports?

The MAG Foundation is now supporting 3 x theft recovery initiatives in London, Bristol & Sussex. I have been working closely with the London group, Stolen Motorcycle Recovery London SMRL). There was a disagreement between the group and Datatag a month or two ago and I was asked to intervene. Since then I have been communicating with both parties and have arranged a meeting where we can all sit around the table and see how we can all work best together. The meeting will be at a London location on the 20th August. I am currently trying to work out the most cost-effective way for the Foundation to be in attendance but it looks like it may be me on the train.

Still working on getting our FB page registered as a charity so that we can add a donate button. Submitted all of the forms but the bank statement was not recent enough so have to start the whole process off again.

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. Not heard anything for a while from Mark Young about the new site but hoping that he is getting chance to work on it.

Other News and future events:

Blackpool MAG functioning well. Next planned event is a Halloween Rock Night on October 26th. Red Rose MAG, Morecambe MAG and Salford & 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.

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>

Currently looking for a local lock-up to store all of the MAG equipment as need the space back in my house.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

7th/8th June - Attended Board and NC Meetings at Honiley and Wren Hall

13th to 16th June - Attended and worked Farmyard Party

25th July - Attended Scottish Road Safety Framework - Operational Partnership Group Meeting at Victoria Quay.

Presented an update on Mini Orca trial in Aldgate High Street. Analysis of TfL's London Collision MAP area and Aldgate High Street in particular allowed an estimate of near misses from recorded Serious and Fatal collisions in the area over an 11 year period. Extrapolating the results showed that prior to the trial average likelihood of a near miss would occur approximately once every ten days, while during the trial 51 near misses were recorded in a 24 Hour period, reasonably conclusive proof that Mini Orcas increase the risk of harm or injury. I still need to top and tail the report before submission.

Police Scotland indicated that a significant proportion of PTW KSI's have occurred with foreign tourists driving on the wrong side of the road, Road safety Scotland are seeking ideas to help remind tourists that we drive on the left. So if anyone has experience of similar initiatives helping remind us to drive on the right in Europe that work I'm sure they could be adapted, so let me know.

Transport Scotland have secured £200k to trial new carriageway markings similar to the New Zealand coast road markings aimed at improving motorcyclists understanding of the road, which has resulted in a reduction of PTW accidents on this popular biking route.

1st to 4th August - Attended and worked Yorkshire Pudding Rally

Andy Cameron has had meetings with Glasgow Council to try and increase the provision of secure parking in the City.

In addition to the above have attended Edinburgh and Glasgow Local Group meeting plus of course dealt with the usual e-mail and Facebook posts.

South East: Steve Mallett

Sadly our Chichester Branch has closed due to no one wanting to take on the vacant Rep's job following the long tenure of Graham Harmer.

At the last (June) NC, the SE region was represented by Dep Rep Julian Quinton. I marshalled at the FYP + Magfest.

We have had the MAG publicity Gazebo at shows and rallies organised by the Triumph Owners MCC, Iron Horses MC and the VMCC International West Kent run.

The SE Region annual rally 'Magfest 4' was held at Plumpton and was a big success and profitable. Final accounts still to be produced.

Many thanks to Brighton MAG who were driving force behind this year's event and to the usual members from other branches who, as always, went that 'extra mile'.

North Kent members (JC Quinton + Mike Gallafant) who are also members of the Kent AMG have been busy marshalling ride outs for various clubs and charities.

Following representations by N Kent MAG, Medway Council will update their parking website to list all motorcycle parking places. We are now photographing all bike parking spaces and have discovered parking places that are not listed and parking spaces that have disappeared. Some are 'not fit for purpose'. All this is going in a report and hopefully all this info will end up on the Council website. E Kent MAG (Kalona Simmons and Susan Jones) are trying to prevent a PSPO being introduced in the vicinity of the *Adelaide Farm Cafe* on the A258 Sandwich to *Deal Road*.

In association with 'Pebbles' beach kiosk and Kent Riders, E Kent MAG are also raising money for Kent Air Ambulance on Dover Promenade on Aug 4th.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

- The Regional Officers continue to routinely meet once a month.
- Tentatively progressing Kier "Diesel Spills" campaign, due to recent national news about scaling back company.
- Officers have looked to attend at least one of the three County's Road Safety Council meetings.
- Search and review of venues for potential to host AGC and/or Training Weekend.
- Renewed activity on Social media.
- Donation Cheque to the Fighting Fund - Regional Officers decided not to request overall cheque presentation.
- Contact from Hampshire's Travel Planning Manager about Ride to Work Day and she sent onto the Southampton County Council.

- Shared DVSA – New videos to help learner drivers improve motorcyclist awareness with Hants Road Safety and including in minutes of meeting.
- Connection to David Yorke, Retired Police Officer and intro to Colin, as been a member of the Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group for a number of years and have pushed issues with my Merseyside Police which have shown a reduction in motorcycle theft.
- Attended Portsmouth MAG night and impending CAZ discussed.
- Ongoing discussions with MonkeyButt app team and met at Region. Please see attached Report.
- Met with Salisbury MAG Members who attended the Regional Meeting as Observers.
- Presentation from MonkeyButt App to the Regional Officers and continued dialogue.
- Shared DVSA data with County Principal Road Safety Officer and she is including in information for wider audience and Young Driver lead for the County.
- Attended local Club social night. They have expressed interest in affiliating and have had no response. Planned to attend their Club Night.
- Attended Portsmouth Show meeting to offer assistance

Activities reported by the Groups:

Basingstoke

Sammy (Rep) braved the shave for Cancer Research.
Rep and Group Members supported Lion Rally and TV Region.
Ready for attendance 2019 Motorcycle Megameet - Popham Airfield - 11th August.

Portsmouth

Completing and encouraging Members to complete CAZ Consultation.
Planned "Bikes on the Boardwalk" for weekday meet.
Planning for Bike Show started and large number of traders showing interest and deposits paid.
Attending the Portsmouth Transport liaison Group meeting and updated that Defra will impose CAZ in the city.
Club Membership enquiry, following MAG Stand attendance at their Rally.
Clear that CAZ will be imposed in some shape or form and Group looking at Public awareness campaign for all, not just PTW.

Salisbury

Social rideouts planned with other Bike Clubs.
MAG Stand attendance at Bike Club events.
Progress with regards to Council deployment for secure parking measures in the City and now Minuted in meeting (official step to deployment).

Southampton

MAG Stand attendance at Bike Club events.
Partnered up local Bike Night to support a Rally.

Winchester

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

South Wales:Phil McFadden

Another apology for missing the meeting. I'm aware that I haven't been free since December, something always comes up. With the good advice of Mr Liversidge taken, I should retire next summer, and hope to be more available then -whether I'm still the RR or otherwise.

We held our South Wales AGM at the very enjoyable Aber Rally in July, observed by Graham Wells. This was uneventful and I was again elected rep. Rory is vice rep and also replaces Treasurer Rob Matthews, who has stood down from regional roles, but continues to provide valuable services Internationally to the rest of the UK. Spam is membership secretary.

These are official titles which don't cover all of the activities that these guys, and many other dedicated members of the region, provide - as I'm sure is echoed in other regions. I'd particularly also like to mention our effervescents: Katy Peat; Leslie Johns; Medwyn Parry; Ollie Fowler; Andy Dunn; Alan Evans & Dawn Evans, and I don't want to leave out many others who work quietly away on our behalf but I'm trying to be brief.

South Wales only has a couple of hundred members, but has just sent in a donation of £500 from Rideout proceeds. Accounts aren't yet available from the Aber Rally but another cheque will be in the post soon. I have hope that someone will present it at the Leeds AGC; unfortunately I can't attend this year because I've already booked a week in the Picos Mountains on my new toy, a 1980 Honda 250rs, with my local classic club.

As you may have heard, the last bus lanes in the Vale of Glamorgan have now been announced for a bike trial, thanks largely to efforts of local member Peter King, who has also been elected as a County Councillor, following the work of others in that locality.

South West:Paul Carter

Another apology for missing the meeting on Saturday. I will be at the End of The Road Rally.

North Devon have been busy running their successful Bike Nights and attending a number of events in the area. They had a stand at the Beaford Bike Show, North Devon British Bike Clubs Tarka Run and RHS Rosemoor Vintage Weekend where 2 new members were signed up. The monthly meetings continue to be well attended.

Also ran the Barbeque at a private rock party and the profits go to MAG. Tracy and Doug Smith volunteered at Farmyard Party and Yorkshire Pudding Rallies. There are two more bike nights and the Ilfracombe Bike Show in the near future.

Both Cornwall and Mid Cornwall MAG shared a stand at the Truro Bike Show which was very successful. Cornwall's End of The Road Rally is 9th and 10th August. Mid Cornwall have well attended monthly meetings.

Taunton MAG ran a pub quiz and sponsored the Dog Show at the Conquest Centres open day. They had a stand at Sheppy's Bike night and even got a new member.

Thames Valley:Pete Seymour

No report submitted.

Western:George Legg

Trying to survive the heat without melting! Otherwise organised MAG stand at Calne Bike Meet, where we had a lot of interest but only one signed up. Also had a chap from Monkeybutt.bike, gave us a run down on an App they are devising for bikers, which I believe they have already spoken to Tim Peregrine of Southern Region. We will have a MAG stand at the Bristol Bike show on the 17th July, if any of you are about feel free to come along and say hello, and if your membership has run out we'll sign you up.

Bristol MAG:

Same as usual really at Bristol MAG, between 5 and 15 people at the meetings. We've had a breakfast run to Saul Junction near Berkley which 3 people attended, and a non-member joined at the venue. We also met up for breakfast at Gloucester services on the M5 and then rode to the Prescott Motorcycle Festival and Kickback Custom Show at Prescott Hill Climb in Gotherington north of Cheltenham. 6 MAG members and one non-member were on the run with another member meeting us at the venue.

The non-member who comes to lots of meetings and runs got fined £250 for driving his diesel van in London because he didn't know anything about the ULEZ charge. It has been pointed out to him that if he were a fully paid up member as opposed to being an affiliate member then he would have known about the ULEZ charge and could have saved himself a lot of money.....oh how we laughed!

Bristol council are currently deciding which option of charging to enter the city to implement. Option 1 just charging HGV/LGV etc or option 2 charging private cars as well. No mention of motorcycles at all. The mayor is asking for consultation with the public after Extinction Rebellion shut down large parts of the city recently. A local MAG member who has not been to our meetings yet is getting involved and is in contact with Geoff Mills.

Gloucestershire MAG:

Glos MAG is very quiet at the moment. We are trying to get people back. It would be interesting to know our group numbers and possibly a list so I can contact them to find out what they want.

Mid-Wilts MAG:

Not a lot to report. Still meeting every week, average turn out about 5. Holding AGM on the 31st of October, 20:00 hours at the Fortune Inn, Chippenham.

Weston & North Somerset MAG:

Between 6 and 8 members meeting regularly, ride outs and social events being organised on a monthly basis, a group of members attending Calstock Rally.

West Midlands:Graham Wells

Since the last N.C. meeting I manned the stand at the 1st of the summers Staffordshire Biker Breakfasts at Port Vale fc's ground up in the Potteries where I got to talk to a few people, some of whom either didn't know MAG were still going or that MAG even existed. No one signed up on the day but we had the usual few who promised to join on line, insert sceptical face emoji here.

The last Saturday in June saw a disappointing turn out for the Birmingham Demo on a dry and very hot day. On the positive side more people stopped over at the pub on Saturday night than last year and I think a good time (and curry) was had by all. A special thanks to Doug Smith for coming as well as mates from Cornwall, South Wales and Worcester who bolstered the numbers.

The following weekend found me at Chinnor Bike Dayz for another great weekend, well done to all the organisers and workers there. The following weekend I was at Aberaeron for the Aberystwyth Rally for another cracking weekend where I observed at the South Wales AGM held there on Sunday, which went smoothly with no fisticuffs.

Yorkshire:Richard Manton

We've been very busy.

I've done the build-up week and also worked all FYP weekend running the Riders Rights marquee.

I've had email conversations with Leeds City Council regarding secure parking with a meeting scheduled for early September.

I helped to design the AGC 4-page pull-out that Mutchie thinks is a waste of time, but as I said, if we always do the same thing we'll always get the same results.

Speaking of AGC, we've had two planning meetings and preparations are coming on in a timely fashion.

I've put together an A5 leaflet to promote the five Yorkshire groups that can be included in sales packs at dealers. We're hoping this may boost numbers. Again, nothing ventured, nothing gained.

I initiated an email campaign with Keith Maven to get bikers to email their local police and crime commissioner to register their displeasure at the perceived lack of efforts by the police in prosecuting bike thieves. Amazingly this coincided with Colin putting together his FOI theft league table, West Yorkshire being second worst in the country and him organising a meeting with the WY PCC which happened the week before last. I was working so Keith Maven went in my place as he's up on the situation locally. Hopefully we've made some good contacts and can help to reduce this epidemic.

Finally I've just got back from working at a fantastic Yorkshire Pudding Rally. It was sold out two weeks ago and the stormy weather that was forecast never materialised and became wall to wall sunshine so a great time was had by all.

ii. *Chair and Vice-Chair*

Chair:

Much of the same from me including being out and about marshalling at Farmyard and Yorkshire Pudding with a bit of relaxing at Chinnor.

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

Regular contact with office and Political team.

Articles for BSH and The ROAD.

Input on the NC email list, PR team, letters; tasks relating to email lists.

Prep work for AGC and NEC.

Supporting new local rep West Norfolk, Peterborough MAG and National MAG stand. Put on a stand at the local HOG rally, no members taken however chatted with a number of people there who are long time members.

Sharing things on Facebook but less than usual as I can no longer figure out how to do it from my phone to groups I am an admin on.

Delegating occasionally.

Completing some actions from last Board and NC meetings.

Did an interview for ITV on counterfeit helmets.

Vice Chair:

I attended the June Board and NC meetings and continue to contribute to both Board and NC email discussions, as well as assisting the PR team.

I have continued the endeavour to contact a potential patron and will update on that subject at the NC meeting.

Also in June I observed at the Lincolnshire Region AGM.

For July I organised a stand at Boston Bike Night. Little interest was shown but a few quid was put in our donations bucket. I also coordinated the supply of 4 marshals to help on the gate at a local show for which MAG will receive a donation in due course.

I have had a constructive meeting with arguably the country's leading online retail company for motorcycle clothing and accessories who have agreed to distribute our Theft leaflet. This will probably be our biggest ever mailshot to the motorcycling public, certainly in recent years. Fingers are crossed that they may take up corporate membership, and other opportunities to promote MAG may arise.

The routine work of admin on the national Facebook page continues and I have had another article published in South East Biker.

I attended the Yorkshire Pudding Rally as a paying punter and had a thoroughly good time apart from the drenching on the way there.

iii. National Reps' Liaison Officer

I attended the June NC meeting, and I have continued to ensure that I'm available to any reps that may need help advice or information.

I have continued to email at least once a month to as many reps as I have addresses for.

I have been liaising with a MAG member in Norfolk who has been investigating the relaunch of the group in that area.

I have chatted to a variety of MAG group officers at events I have attended.

I volunteered at the Farmyard Party, and I have visited the Magfest in the South which was a great event and I have just worked at the Yorkshire Pudding rally.

Locally I have been serving lots of teas and coffees at the Barnstaple Bike Nights and have helped on our stand at local events.

I ran a BBQ at a local music party and raised funds from the sales.

I have decided not to stand for the NRLO post next year.

iv. National Clubs Officer (vacant)

No report available.

v. National Web Research Officer

Continuing to delve the inter-web for items that may be of interest to the Campaigns team and Network, some days there is a very little and on others there are reams of it!

vi. Executive Officer

Offices – Fire extinguishers tested and replaced where necessary. The Fire Risk Assessment carried out earlier in the year highlighted a potential issue regarding the stock/archive room and firefighting equipment. The review took place and as no one physically worked in the area that no extinguishers were required, there is no exit other than the entry point and there would be no reason to enter the room should there be a fire. Having an extinguisher within the room may encourage a staff member to stop and fight a fire which

would increase risk to life. This has been updated in the Fire Risk Assessment review. No further action required. GDPR within the office, we now operate a 'clean desk' policy and screen lock is automated a 3 minutes unless leaving our desks, where we lock the screen before leaving.

IT – The website has been an issue for me, the year end is now taking priority. Once completed I will work with Mark Young to get it moving forward. I will suggest that some of the current site tabs go to the new site so that we do not have to try to keep two sites up to date, which is not a good use of time. Leslie has been working on the reps access to the database and will shortly be released. A little fine tuning regarding postcodes allocation but currently based on best guess. The main issue is where a postcode crosses over into 2 group areas. The decision was made that the group where the majority were would be allotted the postcode. This can be amended by the office at any point in the future as required. Example CV8 area is mainly Kenilworth, Warwickshire but some postcodes in Balsall Common are CV8 but are Solihull. This issue will be resolved once the email list opt in/out is available through an individual's membership account.

MAG Foundation – Year-end accounts are ready for audit. Preparing information for AGC presentation.

Staff – Carol is now trained in all aspects with regards direct debits and I am available should there be a query. I will pass on the events, meetings and corporates next, which is a bi-monthly process so will not impact her workload. All other work is up to date. *** Colin's workload is manageable and some meetings are covered by each other for the best use of time. *** ULEZ continues to be the main focus and all offshoots have an environmental background reasoning. Vision Zero is the follow on from ULEZ and quite often hidden in the sub-text of reasoning. Colin has been called to an incident in London to give a motorcyclists perspective in an accident, before he attended the scene he had worked out what had happened which when discussed had not even been thought about as a perspective and a 'normal' scenario that every biker has already experienced. This was a positive inclusion for MAG to have been invited by TfL, so we are hoping for improved relations there, which will hopefully help our cause in some way. Lembit is busy and digesting lots of information, he is then passing on the important pieces so the team does not get bogged down in research. He is keen to keep the Houses of Parliament doors open with new ministers in post.

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

Sub-Contractors contracts – No change with Mr M; The ROAD appeared in a timely manner without stress. The Sub-Editor role is going well, things are becoming under control and more organised. I had a telephone review with Charley as we are at the half way stage. ***

My role – I am now in the middle of year end procedures and all on target for completion in readiness for audit the first week of September, so that draft accounts can be presented at AGC. Both Carol and I will be in attendance at AGC and looking forward to putting some names/voices to faces. I am looking at disposal of some archived cashbooks, as we have electronic copies on file the original paperwork can now be destroyed and obtain confirmation for our records (GDPR compliance) this also reduces risk and creates some room in the stock/archive room. This will be completed shortly. We have also had an issue with sunlight bleaching some of our products. As a temporary measure we have covered the window in the door with paper, this will be changed for a blackout material and be a permanent fixture, so that no further damage occurs. We are busy as always and do not have a quieter time of year anymore. 4 new corporates since the last issue two of which are premium with more avenues being looked at as options. Action points completed GDPR training in an easy format to understand, where we are, what we want to achieve and how now ready for approval. Lembit's review completed and will review in 2 to 3 months. Deadlines provided to Sub-Editor Charley Davies and new photos taken of all merchandise to create a new products page in The ROAD (advert to be approved). DBS process written up and first stages set up and awaiting confirmation by two of the Board before continuing.

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 – carried forward.

MAG Travel – No updates.

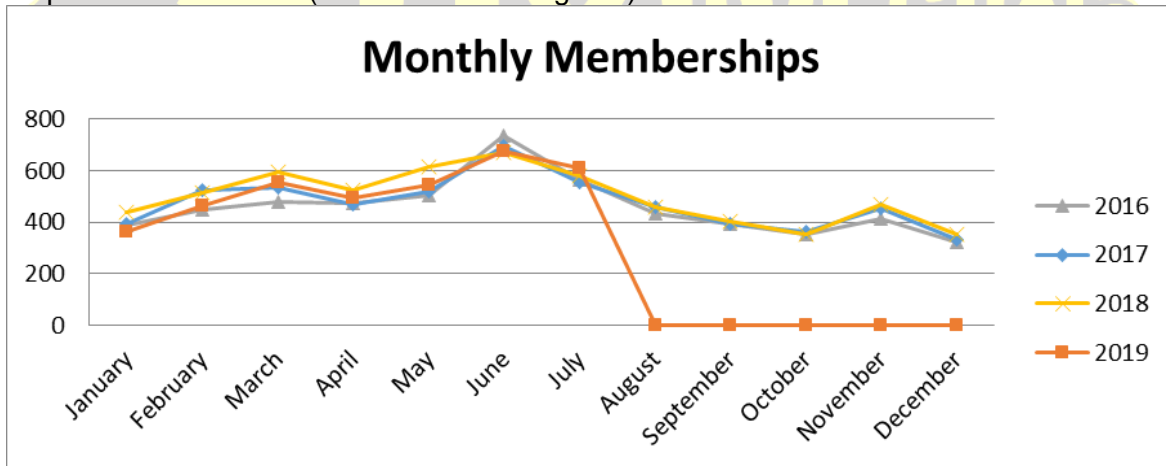
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vii. *Finance and membership figures*

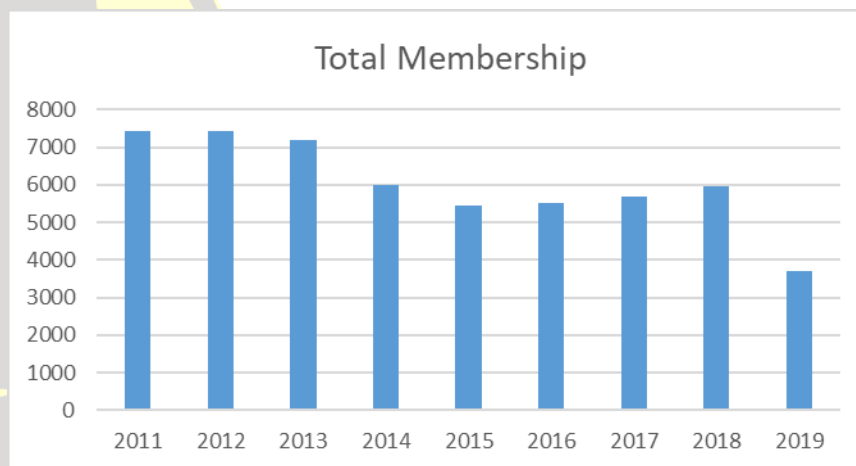
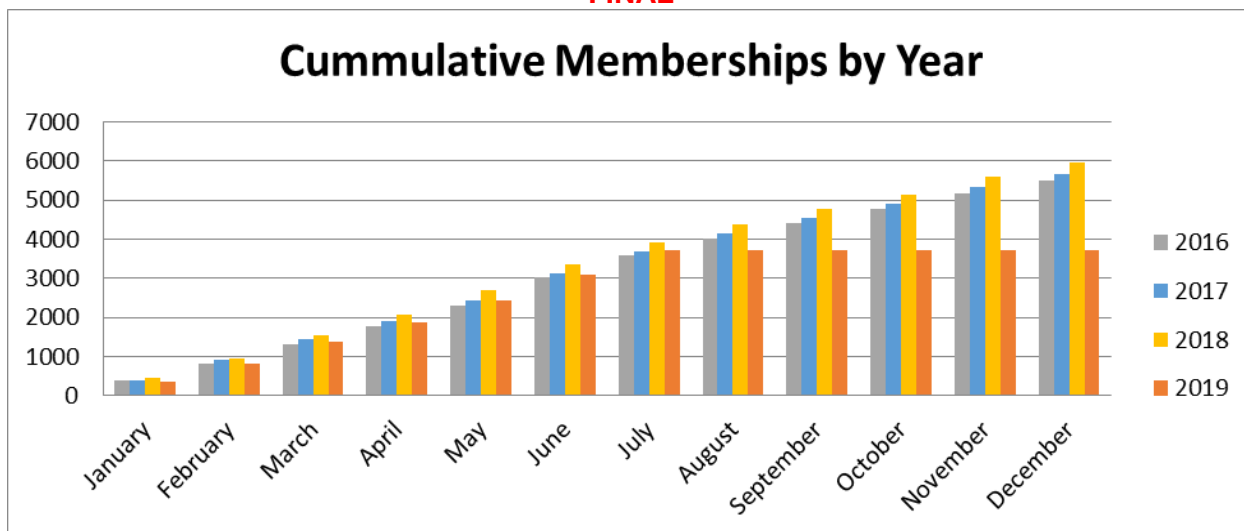
It was noted that all figures are both up-to-date and up, including retention figures for Bikesure.

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 July 2019 (please note that these are draft figures until all standing orders/Bikesure figures are completed for the end of July). I am now working on all the preparation for Audit early in September to allow the draft accounts at AGC.

The below graph shows that memberships by month have improved during June and July with July's being the highest number taken over the last 4 years. Bikesure figures are still to be completed for July and the last week of Standing Orders to come in to finalise the numbers; please note these are not reconciled month end figures. Bikesure memberships for 2019 to 23.07.19 (total of 631) are slightly less compared to the same period in 2018 (646). 2018 saw new memberships for the same time at 501 and renewal of 145 memberships, the current year new memberships are at 377 and renewals are at 254. 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 July 2018 we attracted 501 new memberships compared to 2019 377 new memberships. At FYP we took 68 memberships in 2019 compared to 37 in 2018 (this has boosted figures).



So far this year the cumulative membership figures has seen a decrease of 225 memberships in comparison to 2018 we are currently running at an improved state when compared to 2016 and 2017.

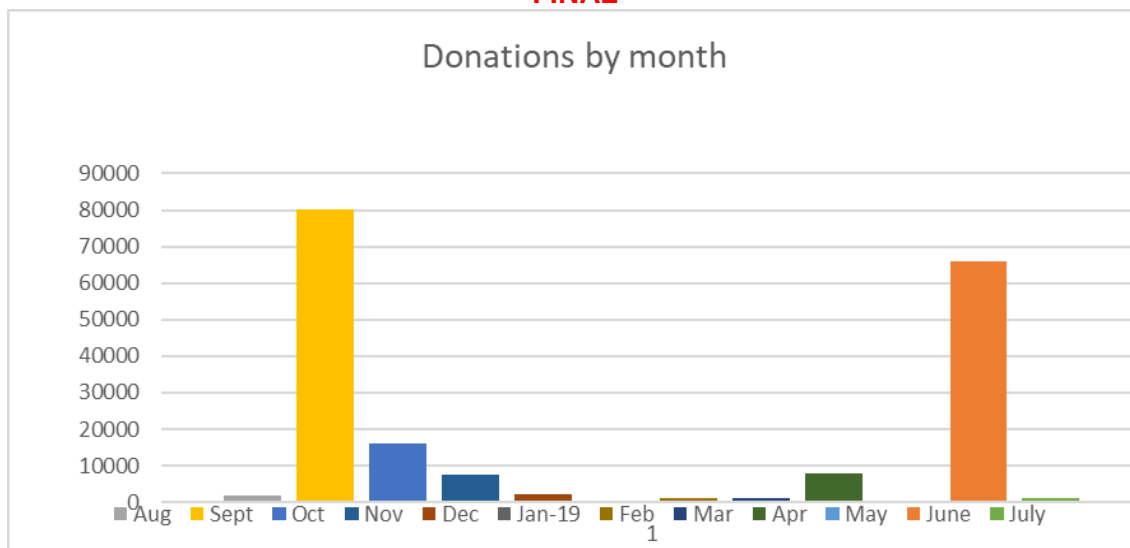


There is a total of 1,389 Life members. The database currently shows the total membership at 7344 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 25 corporate members and 104 clubs (Norton Owners Club have re-affiliated). Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 78 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 07.08.19 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Apr 2019	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	07.08.19	10,936.78	10,494.89	441.89 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	07.08.19	190,293.83	150,280.54	40,013.29 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	07.08.19	927.20	1,530.00	602.80 ↓
NEL	Lloyds – current	01.08.19	1,881.35	6,503.44	4,622.09 ↓
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	01.08.19	7,291.90	7,255.24	36.66 ↑
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	01.08.19	18,101.07	12,107.13	5,993.94 ↑

Reserves are currently at just over 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (August 2018 to July 2019 total of £186,501).



viii. *Foundation*

TC is working with several organisations in the Bristol, Sussex and London areas regarding bike theft and recovery of stolen machines. These groups have the support of the Police and are looking for sponsorship and into whether they could achieve charitable status. TC will also mediate a meeting between the London group and Datatag.

12. Any other business:

i. *Presentation from MonkeyButt*

This item was taken at the start of the meeting, immediately following item 1.

Andy Alhadeff and Stephen Wiltshire gave a presentation regarding an Application they have set up to assist bikers in finding out about events, rides out, etc in any given area of the country.

They explained that they have working on developing this App for around 18 months and have been trialling it for the last 2 months. There is a 'What's on' page which pins the events onto a map. Users can then filter the results by area of interest or timing of events. They will also be able to set 'alert zones' to receive notifications of events.

MAG could be represented on the map and would also have a customised group page for promoting its events. This could feature 'who, what, where' type information. There will be flexibility and security built in with groups and administrators, group memberships and event listings. Events can be public (i.e. they will appear on the 'What's on' page) or private. A news feed can be delivered to all users' home pages.

The purpose of the App is to create awareness of and promote activities, and to create public and private rides out, where friends or groups can be invited, with all the information in one place. Subscribers can keep in touch with each other and post comments. There will be facility to use a map editor and also to upload personal routes, discovering new routes and storing favourite ones.

As work on the App progresses, it is envisaged that it will include information regarding the location of fuel stations, cafes etc.

The App will be free to use.

CB asked how the App is being financed and was advised that it is currently being supported by the R&D part of another company, but ultimately it is envisaged that it will be its own brand.

AC asked whether clubs and organisations would host their own parts of the App and it was confirmed that this is the ambition, and AC noted that in this scenario, people will need to be able upload information they have already generated rather than inputting from scratch.

PS wanted to know how it will be policed, i.e. how will locations of those posting and moderators, etc be protected; he was advised that, at present, everything is “very elementary”.

In response to a question from SL about what they want from MAG, they advised that they want the organisation to look at it and use it. They stated that the current user base is “small but growing”.

RM asked how a multi-date event would be uploaded and was advised that, at present, it would have to be uploaded as separate events.

Asked why they are called MonkeyButt, they explained that they spend time considering many different ideas but when someone said they felt like they had a butt like a monkey that it stuck.

(Andy Alhadeff and Stephen Wiltshire left the meeting immediately following their presentation)

ii. *Patron: an update*

Nothing has been heard back from ^{***}(1) following a letter sent earlier this year.

AC reported that ^{***}(2) has fed back that, whilst flattered to be asked, feels that due to ongoing commitments and the fact that they would wish to give something back to any organisation they took Patronage of, has declined with thanks.

iii. *AGC (general)*

SL confirmed that the NC will meet at 10.00 am on the morning of AGC; that JS and CF (office) will both attend AGC; that up-to-date marketing leaflets will be available for distribution to Regions; and that a representative from Ultimate Ear will attend as a guest speaker.

She also noted that AGC 2019 will be the last time standing for Chair with no intention of standing at AGC 2020.

RM stated he had had some negative feedback regarding charging £5.00 for camping, where 24/7 security has been bought in for the duration of the event, and requested feedback on whether this is acceptable. It was agreed that this nominal charge is completely acceptable.

JC pointed out a couple of errors in submitted Motions to Conference (these will be taken back to the Proposer for amendment) and also a Motion that is unsuitable for submission as it stands and, in any case, has no Secunder. SL will check with JS whether the lack of Secunder is simply an oversight (if it is not the Motion will be rejected as unconstitutional). If it is an oversight only, the Proposer will be requested to heavily amend the Motion otherwise it will be rejected as unconstitutional.

PS sought clarification regarding the date of AGC going forward, in particular 2020. It was explained that, due to wording in the Constitution and Articles of Association it is not possible to move AGC to a date other than the last Saturday of September. It was also noted that bringing the date forward is not practical in any case, as it would leave insufficient time for JS to prepare year-end accounts for audit.

iv. *AGC (awards)*

Recorded separately.

v. *Provision of references for volunteers*

Covered under Board report.

vi. *Request to support petition*

AC noted that a request had been received regarding sharing of a Petition on MAG's social media calling for tougher sentencing for 'hit and run' drivers. It was acknowledged that such matters can be emotive but that the National Facebook was not an appropriate forum. It was agreed that it could be shared on local sites at Regional discretion.

vii. *Marketing MAG*

PS noted that he feels that the organisation could benefit much more fully from extended use of various social media platforms, citing the example of an organisation that has gained a very high profile within a relatively short space of time (around 18 months).

RM noted, in addition, that he had received feedback regarding a stand from a young motorcyclist; the feedback itself being negative but tempered with an offer to assist in updating materials.

A general discussion ensued around use of social media to raise the profile of the organisation the look of stands at events, with an acknowledgement that there is room for improvement, but no specific action points were identified.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: 10.00 am on the morning of Saturday 28th September 2019– *pre-AGC*.