

National Committee Attendance Sheet						
National Committee Meeting					Date:14/12/2019	
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	✓		
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	✓		
Ramsbottom	Peter	PR	Greater London Rep			
Seymour	Pete	PS	Thames Valley Rep	✓		
Vacant			East Anglia Region			
Vacant			East Midlands Region			
Vacant			Eastern Region			
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region			
Vacant			National Clubs Liaison Officer			
Vacant			National Reps' Liaison Officer			
Wells	Graham	GW	West Midlands Rep		✓	
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓		
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep / Director TMAGL	✓		
Foody	Andy	AF	Yorkshire Region Vice Rep	✓		
Foody	Linz	LF	Observer	✓		

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: December 14, 2019 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Honiley Court Hotel, Honiley Rd, Honiley, Kenilworth CV8 1NP

1. Introduction:

SL thanked all for attending and dealt with housekeeping.

All introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for absence:

Recorded on attached attendance sheet.

3. Appointments and resignations:

SL reappointed to position of Chair.

SL and JC reappointed to positions of Director of TMAGL.

Peter Ramsbottom appointed as Greater London Regional Rep.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Adopted with revisions.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. *Minutes of previous NC meeting.*

To accept the August 2019 NC Minutes.

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

To accept the September pre- and post-AGC 2019 NC Minutes.

Proposed: Steve Mallett; Seconded: Steve Wykes. Carried.

To accept the AGC 2019 Minutes.

Proposed: Steve Wykes; Seconded: Paul Carter. Carried.

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

Wednesday 23/10/2019 09:57:

MAG should create a 'sub-organisation' for all internal combustion engine (ICE) powered vehicles.

Proposed: Neil Liversidge; Seconded: Selina Lavender

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For: 0; Against: 9 (17 voting members, 9 to carry). Motion falls.

Thursday 05/12/2019 16:08:
To accept the ICE Position Statement.

Proposed: Andy Carrott; Seconded: Selina Lavender

For: 9; Against: 0 (17 voting members, 9 to carry). Motion stands.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

Circulated and amended.

It was noted by LÖ that organisations such as Age UK and RNIB are not amenable to shared space. PS highlighted a shared space scheme in Reading, stating that it doesn't work.

Action Point: LÖ to contact relevant officers in Reading.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

LÖ noted the large Conservative majority in Thursday's General Election and suggested this was due to their running a very simple, single-issue campaign regarding Brexit. He advised that the Political Unit will continue to engage with Government and build relationships going forward.

He stated that the implications of this clear majority result will be: a stable Government for the next 5 years; Brexit will happen; there will be lasting relationships and predictability; there will be a weaker eco-agenda; there will be a real chance to influence; and there will be a possibility of building bikes into the travel agenda.

He further predicted: frozen fuel duty; an end to petrol-powered vehicles by 2040; road improvements; a roll-back on eco-schemes; and a chance of good relations.

In summary, it is looking good for MAG regarding campaigning. MAG should meet with the new Secretary of State and junior ministers, request a media event, engage with re-elected MPs and introduce the organisation to newly elected MPs.

CB is working on obtaining a meeting with the Cycle lobby.

The MCIA is currently promoting 'PLVs' rather than motorcycles and it was noted that their CEO, Tony Campbell, prefers to tell rather than consult. He wishes to meet the NC, but CB warned that it was likely to be a monologue rather than a two-way process. He had been offered the December 2019 meeting but was unable to attend. The offer will be extended to the February 2020 NC meeting but will not be chased beyond this.

Greg Archer (formerly of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP)) is promoting something called 'ACES' (Autonomous, Connected, Electric, Shared). LowCVP is the group with their logo on the MCIA "The Route to Tomorrow's Journeys" document. Greg Archer was Director of LowCVP until 2012 and is now Director of Transport and Environment "Europe's leading clean transport campaign group".

Regarding ICE the problem identified is the threat to end use of ICE machines for environmental and health reasons. LÖ offered two options for dealing with this:

Option 1: solve the problem for now (easier).

Option 2: challenge the underlying reasons behind the threat (more difficult).

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CB noted that MAG is perfectly capable of following up on either option, and that the Political Unit's preference would be for Option 2; summing up that Option 2 is likely to attract more adverse reactions, but that Option 1 accepts that 'it's nearly over'. It was further noted that challenging the environmental arguments will be more controversial than the health arguments.

AB said a multi-pronged approach would be best and SL noted that MAG is a riders' organisation and needs to concentrate on matters that are specifically bike related.

TC stated that the industry has the resources to mount such a challenge, but MAG does not and that concentrating on matters such as bikes in bus lanes, bike theft, etc is more important.

IC and PS both expressed the opinion that MAG does not have the resources to mount such a challenge; AC stated that no-one is saying existing stock will be affected, with the threat being to stop selling ICE; IM said MAG would have to convince 'the rest of the world' that there isn't a problem regarding pollution etc; and DW observed that it is all down to perceptions and that "young people aren't bothered, it's just us".

SW said MAG cannot go head-to-head with the green lobby, but it can highlight information that is not factual, in an attempt to prevent extreme solutions.

AC stated that it would be dangerous to say that the rest of the world is wrong, but a strategy is required that allows for CB and LÖ to use the statistics they have, where appropriate.

CB said MAG should seek clarification regarding whether the 2040 ban is actually policy or not and to be clear what exactly any policy regarding this issue is. He felt that bikes are not under total threat and used the example of when motor vehicles first came into use, observing that that there had been no requirement to stop buying horses just because they had been superseded by motor vehicles. He further noted that the whole process will be driven by economics and that due to the disruption to the market that would be caused, there would be no need to legislate.

PS said MAG needs to shape what happens next and SW suggested that we will not get a policy commitment from the Government.

AC agreed with PS regarding MAG being part of the policy-shaping process and said we should seek clarification and "go in through the side door", noting that we don't want to waste the research that has already been done.

Acknowledging the observations by TC regarding other bike-related issues being more important, JC suggested that a balance should be sought, taking into account that the ICE issue is longer-term and that the issues raised by TC are more immediate.

It was noted that the issue is about choice and being able to retain choices.

TC said we should be engaging directly with manufacturers rather than the industry.

SL asked CB and LÖ to approach the Government to clarify their plans in respect to ICE.

It was noted that the NEC Show had gone well.

The RAC and AA are both against Smart Motorways on grounds of safety, due to them removing the hard shoulder facility as a refuge area.

CB reported that 'Park Mark' – an initiative run by the British Parking Association (BPA) – looks at car parking locations and awards the Park Mark tick to those providing secure parking for motorcycles. MAG will be working with Park Mark to improve this and work it into national results. It was noted that more motorcycle parking spaces should become available due to being pushed as alternative transport that is less polluting and reduces congestion.

Three short video clips were shown in relation to recruitment.

MAG will be represented at the National Road Safety conference.

(IC, DW, SW leave the meeting)

Membership is currently underperforming.

CB has attended the Smarter Tomorrow conference.

MAG's media profile is growing within the regions.

The Pathways for Progress document has gone live on MAG Wiki.

Ride to Work Day is now officially run by MAG and CB reported that it is hoped to run a 'Filter Friendly' campaign in conjunction to highlight the advantages of motorcycling, i.e. being able to filter through traffic thereby reducing congestion.

It is hoped to get the All-Party Parliamentary Motorcycling Group on board, along with the Police and Highways England. Social media and video campaigns are envisaged to complement this event.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

All present; no interim Skype meetings. SW joined the meeting via Skype. No appointments or resignations. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. Action Points will be regenerated in January.

Disappointment was expressed regarding the recent issues around the Bikesure membership offer. This was a GoCompare (parent company) issue that has now been resolved but MAG was not kept informed and had to chase for details.

The Political Unit will have a meeting with JS in January.

The database is to be transferred to new cloud storage, which will prevent losses and repeated work, as happened earlier in the year.

JS reported that the Wordpress training undertaken at the office regarding the use and management of social media platforms had been very useful and requested a budget of £500.00 for a second, follow-up session to reinforce and build on the first one, which was granted.

AC asked whether this training could be extended to others and SL confirmed that this may be possible.

IC reported from the last FEMA meeting on two issues in particular: KSI stats in Norway being skewed by the fact that a third of them involve people who should not be riding in the first place (e.g. no licence, under the influence, etc); and news that there may be GDPR issues around the sharing of in-car data with manufacturers and attendant implications.

Concerns were expressed regarding the quality of the latest issue of The Road. JS is to meet with Charley in January to discuss how things are going and the access he is being provided with by Mr M.

Following the General Election, letters of introduction to newly elected and returned MPs are to be sent.

AC suggested a regular MP bulletin, and this will be investigated regarding feasibility and potential timings.

An Action Plan for future Elections is to be drawn up.

Update of the Constitution following AGC is pending.

Annual staff pay increments will be discussed when JS has accessed information regarding national averages.

MAG is now in a position to offer monthly Direct Debit payments for memberships at a cost of £3.00 per month. These will be taken on a different date to annual DDs and may require a different colour form for clarity. This facility will be announced in the next issue of The Road and will launch at the Go Live Manchester Show.

Feedback from the NEC show is positive, but consideration will be given to training for volunteers and the feasibility of providing “goody bags” is to be investigated.

The Board met with the Political Unit and IM, with discussion covering the “1/3 of deaths” issue; MP bulletins, the Election and post-Election actions; the internal combustion engine (ICE).

MCIA CEO, Tony Campbell, has expressed an interest in addressing MAG’s NC. He was unable to attend this December meeting and will be invited to the February 2020 meeting with the offer of a 20-minute slot.

SL and IC met with IM and LÖ regarding control of comments.

The NC indicated with a show of hands their confidence in the actions of the Board.

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.

Had two people go to the AGC.

Held Cumbria’s MAG AGM in October.

Held the Two Tins Run in November. No MP’s this time.

Furness MAG.

Meetings going well.

One delegate to the AGC.

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A few came to the Cumbria MAG AGM.
Held the annual Furness MAG Xmas Party, well attended.

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/Whitehaven MAG.
Attended the National AGC.
Attended the Cumbria MAG AGM and was re-elected as Regional Rep.
Attended the Two Tins Run with West Cumbria MAG.

Politics' Bit:

Sue Hayman lose her seat and therefore with have lost an MP MAG member.
Trudy Harrison retained her seat and still a MP MAG member.
Our mission will be to sign up Mark Jenkinson MP for Workington and Simon Fell MP for Barrow-in-Furness. Both Conservative party.

East Anglia:(vacant)

No report available.

Eastern:(vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands:(vacant)

No report available.

Greater London: Peter Ramsbottom

No report submitted.

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

It's been a long time since the last report, but things continue to be quiet within the Region.

I've been away for a reasonable amount of it and as such sadly missed AGC this year.

Andy has kindly organised for a stand at Springfield's Motorbike Show in Spalding on the 18th and 19th January which will be manned by members from the Region.

North East: Dave Wigham

Attended NC meeting in October.

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Attended MAP debrief meeting in Beverley and morning breakfast club debrief with Pete W, Oliver Rose and others.

Attended and chaired Local meetings:

7/10/2019
21/10/2019
4/11/2019
18/11/2019
1/12/2019

Also held a Regional meeting. 21/10.2019

Submitted last of evidence to Newcastle group councils on why bikes should be part of the answer to the congestion road-charging scheme being proposed. Was pleased to see it confirmed that bikes would not be part of any congestion charge in their initial details that they have released.

As part of our supporting and bringing on younger members I'm please to say and would like to record thanks to the Stormin Committee for gifting 4 Stormin tickets to two young members of Yorkshire MAG and their parents so they can use the event to aid them in their coursework for their GCSE/BTEC in Event Management.

Shall be attending and hosting the Regional social tonight, 13/12/2019.

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Meetings of the Abergele group have been suspended till into the new year, probably February or March, by which time I hope to be well and truly back in the saddle.

North West: Tony Cox

6th August: - Cox v Weiski court case, Preston Magistrates Court

After being knocked of my bike Sept 2018, I went to court as the Polish Lady refused to accept that she was driving without due care & attention. Court found her guilty, 6 point and £880 fine but the significant thing for me (and biking) was the when the Police Constable was asked if, in his opinion, my manoeuvre of filtering down the left side of her car (as I was turning left at the traffic lights) was responsible and lawful, he replied "absolutely".

9th August: -Board meeting MAG Central

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

10th August: - NC Meeting, Wren Hall, Wroxley

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

12-15th September: - MAG Stand at the Jesters Rally

I set up and ran the MAG stand at the Jesters Rally. A few memberships taken and merchandise sold.

19th September: - Funeral of Wayne Critchley

Attended the funeral for Wayne and led the road marshalling for this staunch MAG member and very good friend.

27th -29th September: - MAG AGC Dewsbury

Attended the Board, NC and AGC meetings at Dewsbury

26th October: - Blackpool MAG Halloween Party -

Helped with the set-up and running of this event at a new venue which brought in £300 profit.

22nd November: - Funeral of Daryl Whitby, Sale, Manchester

Attended Daryl's funeral who use to be the Bolton MAG Rep and founder of the North West Motorcycle Alliance which MAG is heavily involved with in the North West. Daryl was also a very good friend for the last 20 years or so. Over 100 bikers in attendance.

National IT Matters

I am continuing to keep the National website up to date with the news items and meeting/contact details as well as the affiliated clubs page until the new site is ready for release. Mark Young has been making some progress with the new site and think we are close to launch which is good as a critical php update that is due on the server may make the old site redundant.

Other News and future events;

- With Daryl's passing, I have become more involved with admin side of NWMA. I am now the owner/admin of the website and send out the minutes from the monthly meetings that Bill Green produces. The Alliance works well in the NW and it is important to support it as much as possible.
- Sorting out dates for Blackpool events next year. B'MAG soon to have their AGM.
- Manchester Bike Show premium stand space secured in contra deal with the organisers
- Red Rose MAG, Morecambe MAG and Salford & Manchester MAG still functioning.
- Wirral MAG's had a meeting with Merseyside Police's Chief Inspector Moscrop who has been newly appointed to lead on vehicle crime. Hoping to get involved and introduce him to key members of SMART North West.
- MAG at IOM TT 2020 is underway with adverts going in this edition of the Road on a contra deal.
- Liverpool MAG & Macclesfield MAG meetings still on hold but both reps still happy to remain as contact points.
- Continuing to help produce and distribute the monthly NW Newsletter. Past issues can be viewed on the North-West MAG website. <http://north-west-region.mag-uk.org>.

Scotland: Steve Wykes

9th/19th August - Attended Board and NC Meetings at Warwick.

29th Aug -1st September - Attended and worked Stormin the Castle.

27th - 29th September - Attended Board, NC and AGC in Dewsbury.

21st - 23rd - October - Responded to Transport Scotland's Transport Strategy Consultation - very disappointing document no mention of Motorcycles whatsoever. My response sought to redress this and ensure motorcycles are included in the hierarchy of modes due to our benefits to congestion pollution and mobility where walking, cycling and public transport are not viable options. I should mention that while motorcycles were not mentioned "Wheelers" were; any idea what transport mode they are? No well I can tell you if you are interested at the NC meeting.

7th November - Submitted Report - Analysis of Mini Orca Trial to Scottish Road Safety Framework Operational Partnership Group showing a nominal 375 times increased risk with mini Orcas deployed. I will be looking to see how this compares with other trials where light segregation has been implemented. and where injury and KSI figures are available pre and post fitment.

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28th November - Attended and participated Scottish Road Safety Framework Operational Partnership Group and Workshop - On Framework to 2030/2050.

In addition, attended Edinburgh and Glasgow Local Group meetings and answered e-mails etc.

South East: Steve Mallett

Aug bank Holiday, SE MAG stand at 'Kent Chrome and Cruisers' show. Faversham.

Marshalled at Stormin' the Castle.

Apropos MAG affiliated clubs: in an effort to get MAG-affiliated clubs more involved we have attended meetings and events with Honda o/c, BSA o/c and Men of Kent VMCC.

11-9-19 Met with Medway Council's Head of Highways and Parking + Highways portfolio holder + various other Council officials to discuss N Kent MAG's comprehensive survey of motorcycle parking facilities in the area.

Immediate improvements will include all m/c spaces being included on the Council Parking website, Traffic Wardens to ticket cars in m/c spaces and MAG to be consulted during the planning stage of any new parking facilities /developments. In the longer term it's hoped to include m/c parking in with the new electric scooter/bicycle charging bays that will be built in Medway as soon as Central Government funding becomes available.

Ref Tracey Crouch (MP, Cons, Chatham & Aylesford) is a local MP whose membership was financed by Dick Penfold. However, I have had no success in making contact with her. Julian Quinton (SE Dep Rep) lives within her constituency so he tried his luck and sent her details of our Medway m/c parking survey and our meeting with the Council. Success...a one-liner back asking to be kept informed. We'll now try to build on this. ***

Further to this and an encouraging development...Tracy Crouch has now contacted SE MAG to assist with a constituent's m/c parking problem in Aylesford. This is ongoing, but mostly due to SE Dep Rep JC Quinton, designated m/c parking places in Aylesford village are now confirmed.

Chris Atkins (SE Region Treasurer) was observer at Brighton MAG's AGM.

Chichester MAG (now sadly moribund). Their accumulated funds of £450 donated to MAG Central. Also £200 general profits from N Kent Branch.

Attended AGC, Cheque for £1600 presented, the profits from Magfest 4.

7/10/19 Interviewed by Prof Mathew Humphrey's for his paper on riders' rights.

9/10/19 Attended Hastings Branch AGM as observer.

Andy Cutts, Rep, reports that Bus Lanes within Hastings BC have again been opened to PTW's following a planning mistake on the part of the Council and the temporary loss of access to bus lanes for PTWs.

14/10/19, Successful talk by Kevin Sayer of 'SERV' at N Kent Branch meeting. £142-00 raised for SERV.

20/10/19, Observed at Greater London MAG's AGM @ the 'Ace'.

23-10-19, TfSE Draft Transport Strategy Launch, 'Regional drop in', Brighton, Joe Greening of Brighton MAG attended, also attending Colin Brown.

5/11/19, Joe Greening of Brighton MAG attended National Transport partnership meeting in Brighton.

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10/11/19 Remembrance Day ride and service organised by Brighton MAG/British legion.

23/11/19, On behalf of MAG, attended 'Transport for South East' Forum at Brighton.

Finally, in the planning stage, E Kent MAG (Kalona Simmons) + local Honda Dealer and Honda O/C are putting on a one-day event to encourage lady bikers.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

- Following up with Hampshire and Wiltshire PCCs
- Pursing FOI for theft info
- Observed Southampton MAG AGM
- Observed Winchester MAG AGM
- Monitoring Installation of trail Acoustic camera near Bike Cafe and on established route.
- Strong attendance of local charity events by MAG officers.
- Continuing to look for venue for AGC and or Activists Training.
- Winchester MAG Christmas meal attended.
- Portsmouth MAG Christmas meal to attend.
- Looking to support Monkey Butt more, especially with their App.

Activities reported by the Groups:

- **Basingstoke**
Still going, supporting other Groups and Groups in Thames Valley.
- **Portsmouth**
Quite an active Group.
Monitoring CAZ in the city. CAZ in Portsmouth proposed as Class B to DEFRA – i.e. not private cars or bikes, also shrunk the proposed area.
Meeting planned with Port Solent, as they seem to want to charge our traders.
Member attended Transport Liaison Group; Portsmouth bidding for monies for future mobility zones.
Blood Bikes and Bikes in Bus Lanes raised.
- **Salisbury**
Moved venue, due to Pub closure & fairly settled in new location.
Short term postponing AGM.
Good write up and support for MAG from Salisbury Motorcycle & Light Car Club. MAG looking to attend their 100th anniversary with stand.
- **Southampton**
AGM Held and Rep etc, remain.
Looking at new venue and trialling until end of the year.
Seems to be bringing in some old faces.
Trialling venue for small event, possibly with view for Rally
- **Winchester**
Group remain consistent and in support of other Groups in the Region
Christmas meal attended.

South Wales: Phil McFadden

It's at least 212 miles and 4 hours + each way for me to get to NC meetings. I've lots going on at home and at work, so I hope you'll understand my repeated absence.

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There's little to report, other than the persistent efforts currently being made by our member Stephen Webb in Newport over the council's artificial definition of discrimination in regard to parking, where because they realise there is not currently a facility to securely ensure payment at their car parks - motorcycles are completely banned. Other councils in Wales are far more sensible about this but so far Newport are intransigent.

Spam & I joined the team at the NEC stand for an enjoyable day, & Aber sent a crew to help out for a day midweek.

South West: Paul Carter

Since August I have attended North Devon Groups monthly meetings. At the latest meeting, a number of social events were planned.

I also attended the South West regional meeting hosted by Taunton group. We held the latest South West regional meeting on October 26th this was hosted by Mid Cornwall group and attended by representatives from Mid Cornwall, Cornwall and North Devon.

All groups in the area continue to hold monthly meetings.

Mid Cornwall continue to campaign against illegal U turns on the A30 in Cornwall.

Thames Valley: Pete Seymour

No report submitted.

Western: George Legg

Back in August we took the regional MAG stand to the ever-popular Bristol Bike Show, always an enjoyable day.

In September I attended the MAG AGC, where I had the honour to present Geoff Mills the well-deserved Fred Hill award, and where the NC ganged up on me and awarded me an Honorary Life membership.

In October on a very wet and windy Sunday we took the Regional MAG stand to the annual Hoggin' the Bridge event, a charity event held every year crossing the old Severn Bridge.

I was able, prior to my little accident, to observe at the local MAG group AGM's at Mid-Wilts MAG and Not-Avon MAG (although Not-Avon have decided to change their name to South Glos MAG). I did manage to observe at my own group's AGM, Weston & North Somerset MAG, as no other regional officer was available.

I was unable to observe at the Bristol MAG AGM due to my injury, but Eddie Garnier observed.

The Western Region AGM will be held on Sunday 26th January 2020 at Rangeworthy Village Hall, Wotton Road, Rangeworthy, BS37 7LZ, South Gloucestershire. Signing in will start at 12.15 for a 12.45 start.

West Midlands: Graham Wells

After attending the AGC in sunny Yorkshire I have been busy and unable to man the stand at the Motorcycle museum live event.

I have been attending the West Midlands and the Black Country meetings where we get consistent but poor turnouts.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

After a successful AGC I've just about managed to recover and forge ahead.

We're still working with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the five local councils to push through the pathways to progress initiative.

There have been meetings with Kirklees to discuss parking, and Calderdale have confirmed bus lane access.

I emailed Bradford council and have had encouraging dialogue with the councillor with portfolio for transport regarding bus lane access and secure parking. I also had a meeting with the councillor with portfolio for transport in Leeds which again, was positive.

I've had a meeting with West Yorkshire police regarding motorcycle theft and myself and Colin attended a meeting with the West Yorkshire crime prevention officer and Park Mark regarding putting secure motorcycle parking in car parks nationally - I'm sure Colin will fill everyone in at the NC.

I've attended Huddersfield and Wakefield MAG meetings and observed the East Yorkshire MAG AGM.

I've attended the four of five Yorkshire MAG groups that have had events and also attended three local club events in my capacity of Yorkshire Rep.

ii. Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair:

Board, NC & AGC meetings.

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

Administrative tasks.

Work leading up to & during Motorcycle Live, including 2 days on the stand & take down.

Articles for BSH & The ROAD.

Time dealing with internal matters.

Vice Chair:

Attended the August Board and NC meetings.

Also in August, arranged for the Sportsbikeshop (a large, if not the largest, online UK motorcycle clothing and accessories retailer) to distribute MAG theft leaflets. I went along to their distribution centre and was pictured packing an order.

Visited God's Own County to observe the Yorkshire Region AGM. It rained a lot. My leggings leaked. I assisted in preparations for AGC where I took part in Board and NC meetings as well as Chairing the conference.

I have submitted two articles to South East Biker and an article for The Road. I have also sent the occasional link to Mr M of interesting bike related articles that crop up on the internet that might be of interest for The Road. This is something we could all do (if Mr M thinks it would be helpful).

In October I (along with Jane) was interviewed for a riders' activism research project.

I worked on the MAG stand for 2 days at the NEC in November. As well as signing up members and answering questions I also visited most of the electric bike stands to try to learn a little more about the bikes and gather contact details for Colin.

Quite a bit of time has been spent in producing a position statement in respect to Internal Combustion Engines.

Took part in NC and Board email discussions as well as Facebook admin on the national page. We seem to be getting a lot of requests to share non-MAG related charity events, fundraisers, and similar events on our national page. These would overwhelm our own messages at times, and it can be a challenge to word diplomatic refusals, but most people who contact us are happy with our response.

Organising MAG stand at The Springfields Motorbike Show, Spalding in January.

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

No report available.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

v. *National Web Research Officer*

Continuing to troll the inter-web for stuff that would be of interest to MAG and the campaigns team. Although it went eerily quiet after the election in December was announced, but the men at the ministry briefly woke up to send out a shed load of stuff in a couple of days.

vi. *Executive Officer*

Updates

Offices – The LPG boiler has been serviced and has a clean bill of health. No other issues.

IT – I have made a start on the new website content with the affiliated clubs almost up to date, adding logo's as they come in and ensuring that their links are correctly listed. The Affiliated Clubs information needs to be updated to the current and is work in progress (I may have completed this by the time of reading this report). The Events section is working and can be viewed as a calendar or as a list. Mark is currently looking for a plug-in so that events can be added via an online form and approved as we currently do. Once complete I will move on to the Home and Membership pages: these are the really important ones for us, as we will direct traffic to our home page which will in turn encourage site visitors to join MAG. This currently takes you to the old site page to join. I will liaise with Colin and Lembit on how best to present the Campaigns and News pages. Once the Home and joining pages are completed, I am looking at getting the site launched by the next Board meeting and will complete the other pages as soon after that as possible.

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The Database will be having an upgrade shortly as Leslie has been unable to get 'a fix' for the email lists opt in/out. He has found another solution that is currently free, which appears more able to get the functionality that we need. This is work in progress and positive news for us to enable to move forward.

The office and Colin had a day's training at the office on Social Media Masterclass. This was enlightening to us all and will allow us to promote MAG better and to convert likes into members. We will arrange another session to form a plan going forward, you will start to see small changes on the various MAG social media platforms with the main aim of pointing everyone to the website then encouraging all to join. We will also add analytics to this to show how social media is performing for us and how many we are converting to members. There is a lot to do here hence the need for the plan and the platforms used will expand as they go in and out of fashion. We may need to consider a more formal arrangement with the trainer so I will investigate this further.

MAG Foundation – TC presented at AGC.

Staff – All are busy working on various issues, Carol continues to ensure memberships are well looked after. I am still to look at passing on the events, meetings and corporates, time unfortunately has not allowed for this to be done. All other work is up to date. Colin continues to manage his workload along with Lembit. *** Crime and Transport Plans are the main area's in Colin's remit. ***

The Employee Handbook continues to be under review, so that it is maintained and up to date with legislation. New legislation is coming in which may affect our Contract of Employment documents – I am investigating further.

Sub-Contractors contracts – Mr M appears once again to be stress free in the run up to pushing the button on The ROAD. ***

My role – Year-end went well, as did Motorcycle Live. The norm of busyness continues with a few additional roles to juggle at present. Lot's to do with the website and database but once complete will make a difference to MAG as a whole. I plan to take all staff for a meal on Christmas Eve once the office has closed, all have accepted at this stage.

Health & Safety – updated my IOSH Managing Safely certificate. No issues in the office.

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 reprint I will ask for this to be amended so it is clear – carried forward.

MAG Travel – Issue raised by a member and successfully sorted.

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vii. *Finance and membership figures*

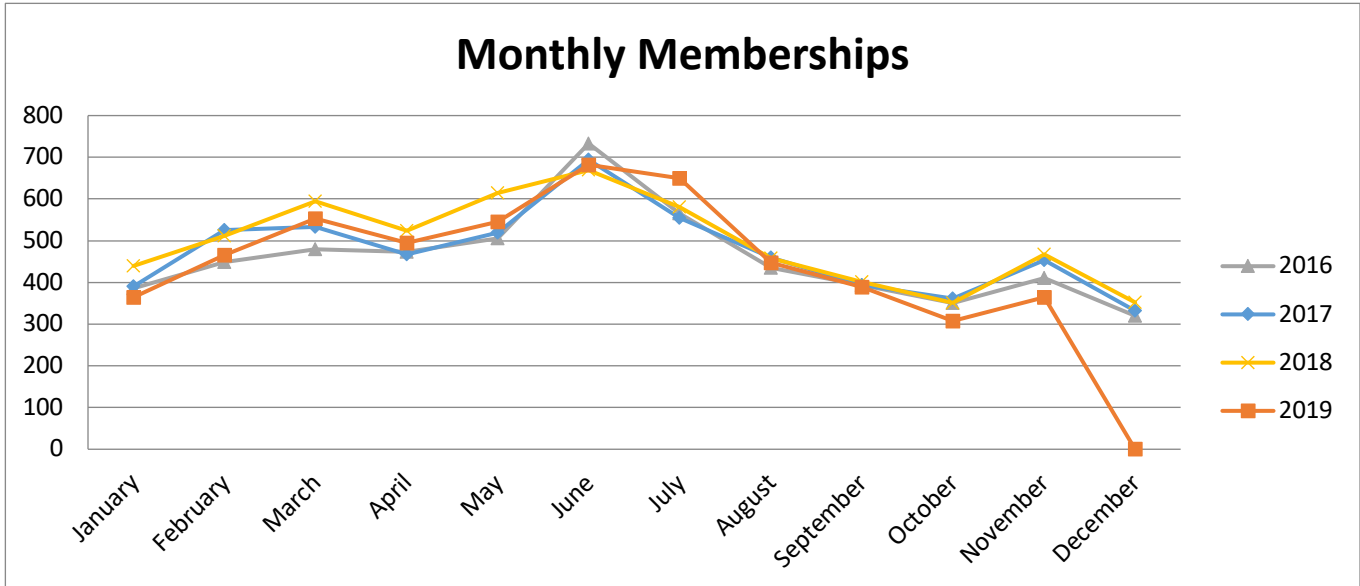
The usual brief style report detailing any significant data which will allow you to see how we are financially for The Motorcycle Action Group Limited up to end of November 2019 (please note that these are draft figures until all standing orders/Bikesure figures are completed for the end of November). The accounts have been finalised and will be approved by the Board at their December meeting.

Memberships taken by Bikesure via the Go Compare website have had an issue when software was updated and transferred to another provider in early October. This in real terms switched off MAG Insurance from being displayed as an option. It was hoped that it would have been fixed within days. This has not happened and are still waiting for a fix now 2 months later. We were not officially informed until I flagged this with Bikesure and had a meeting at the NEC during Motorcycle Live. They will now

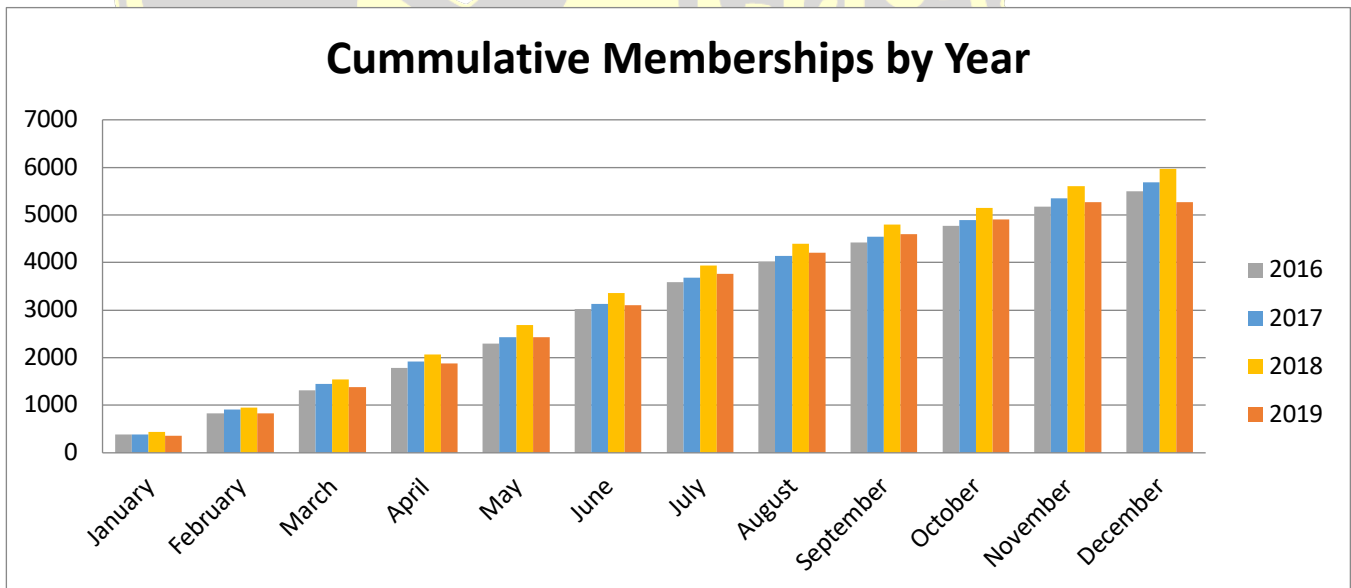
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keep me up to date with progress and I will report back with any news. Oct/Nov 2018 total of 66 new and 36 renewals compared to Oct/Nov (to date 24.11.19) total of 3 new and 41 renewals so are around 60 memberships down for the same period.

The below graph shows that memberships by month have decreased during October and November with the added issues of Bikesure memberships explaining approx. half of the decrease. Motorcycle Live was comparable to last year with only a difference of 2 memberships taken. Looking at the figures more closely April 2019 we were 55 new memberships down, October 35 and November 74 new memberships down and in January renewals were 59 memberships down.



So far this year the cumulative membership figures has seen a decrease of 345 memberships in comparison to 2018 we are currently running at an slightly improved state when compared to 2016 but are now below 2017 figures.



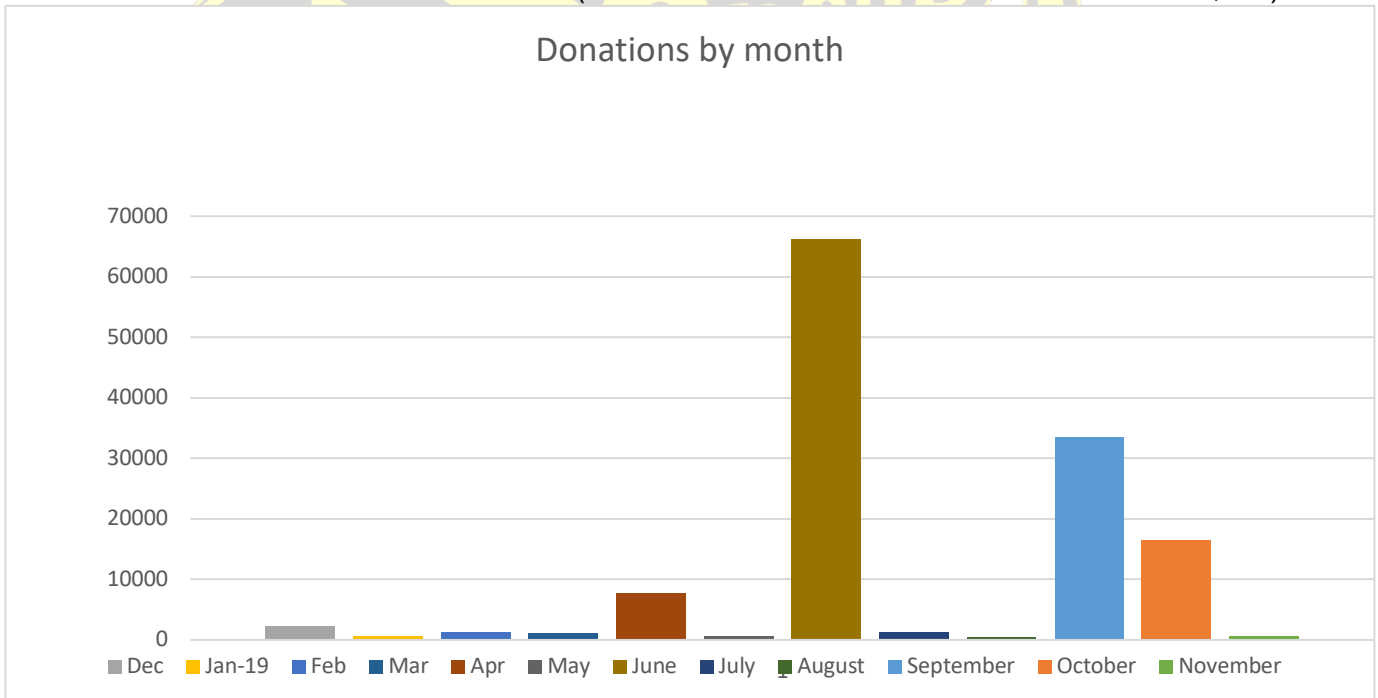


There is a total of 1,392 Life members. The database currently shows the total membership at 7211 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 23 corporate members and 106 clubs (BMW Club have now affiliated bringing 3,109 members). Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers' membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 82 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 11.12.19 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Aug 2019	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	11.12.19	14,816.83	10,936.78	3,880.08 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	11.12.19	216,333.12	190,293.83	26,039.29 ↑
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	11.12.19	2,880.95	927.20	1,953.75 ↑
NEL	Lloyds – current	29.11.19	3,890.89	1,881.35	2,009.54 ↑
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	29.11.19	7,374.74	7,291.90	82.84 ↑
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	29.11.19	24,918.18	18,101.07	6,817.11 ↑

Reserves are currently at over 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (December 2018 to November 2019 total of £131,735).



viii. *Foundation (Tony Cox)*

Not much been happening of late with the Foundation. I was in discussions with Rory about having some free giveaways (disc lock etc) ready for the NEC for new members being funded by the MF but never managed to sort anything in time.

I am also in discussion with a local stolen bike recovery team who work across the NW region and will be proposing that we support them along the same lines as we have been supporting groups in London, Bristol & Sussex. The group go by the name of SMART North West and have been operating since August 2018 with over a hundred bikes recovered to date.

12. Any other business:

i. *Bus lanes and Blood bikes*

The Charity 'Blood Bikes' has approached CB regarding fines issued for being in a bus lane. CB explained that the issue arose because, although bikes are allowed in 'with flow' bus lanes in the area in question, the fines had been incurred because of using a 'bus gate', which is normally open to buses and cyclists, tends to be short in length and has no other traffic next to it. CB asked whether MAG would want to extend its 'Bikes in Bus Lanes' campaign to include this issue. A show of hands confirmed yes.

ii. *Discussion points raised by Jude Bramham at AGC during 'Open Floor' item*

AC explained that Jude had brought two matters to this section of AGC, but time had not allowed for it to be covered at the time. She had two suggestions: that MAG should campaign for drivers of 4-wheeled vehicles to undergo compulsory training with 2-wheeled vehicles; and that MAG should campaign for improved consumer knowledge regarding fuel consumption.

It was acknowledged that, in the first instance, although a 'nice idea' it is unrealistic and completely unworkable and in the second instance there are too many variables to allow for properly meaningful figures to be generated.

AC to respond.

iii. *Lack of national General Election campaign*

SL stated that MAG accepts that there were failings in regard to rolling out and supporting a national campaign in respect to the General Election and that MAG must ensure that appropriate information and an Action Plan need to be put in place for all Elections going forward.

LÖ noted that there was a pre-emptive article in The Road and that most of the main political parties had been approached. He further noted that actively campaigning would have had minimal impact, as this particular Election had been a single-issue (Brexit) Election.

CB asked that if members could identify where Central Office and the Political Unit had provided insufficient support, it would be helpful to know what the issues were.

iv. *Adoption of forum-style communication for NC*

PS stated that he struggles to keep pace with the number of emails that come through and would prefer NC communications to be done via a Forum rather than email, suggesting that it would be easier and

quicker to identify those subjects requiring attention and/or action. He identified his email system as Thunderbird.

JC observed that, having had to use Thunderbird for a year due to computer problems and finding it anything but user-friendly, PS would find it much easier using a standard email system such as Outlook.

TC said he wouldn't mind investigating something like Google docs or similar to see whether or not such a move would provide a viable, simplified communication system.

v. *Engaging with affiliate membership*

Held over to next meeting due to time constraints.

vi. *Voting rights*

Held over to next meeting due to time constraints.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday 8th February 2020

Appendices

Board Report from Colin Brown (redacted for NC)

2019 12 05

Resource Library

No significant progress since last report. The expected lull in activity over summer didn't happen and no sign of a winter lull either. Will look to find time in New Year, but again the up-front work on the Ride To Work Campaign will impact this.

Clean Air Zones

The big announcement has been Bristol's decision to introduce a diesel ban. This does not affect motorcycles but is the first example of an outright ban on diesel and of all ages. It remains to be seen whether other authorities follow suit, but I suspect there will be an element of waiting to see the results in Bristol first.

Our formal request to DEFRA has not been acknowledged but little surprise there with the General Election having been called immediately after we sent the letter. I will look to follow this up after December 12th as part of our process to contact new ministers.

I have secured a meeting with Andy Mayo of Local Transport Projects to explore transport modelling in more depth.

Crime/Secure Parking

The work resulting from the theft rankings is continuing to grow. I see the route in to the BPA and their work on "Park Mark Plus" as a key win at a national level. Relationships with police forces and local MAG members is another large benefit as this enables more granular level progress to be made. There is potential for more advertising of what MAG is achieving at local level but I am unsure how well we are grasping that potential. This is something we need to work into our social media planning.

MCIA

We have received an offer from Tony Campbell to speak at an NC meeting. This will provide excellent opportunity for NC members to hear the MCIA vision from the horse's mouth. Tony is unable to make the December NC, but we are awaiting confirmation for the February NC meeting.

Road Safety

The promising start with TfL appears to have led to a dead end with communications stopping. This may be a hiatus, and I continue to push for progress in this area..

The London Cycling Campaign contact did not progress at all. Following my article on the issue in the ROAD I had contact with Cambridge Cycle Campaign via a local member and potentially a meeting with Cycling UK again facilitated by a local member. Still waiting for meeting date with Cycling UK, but hopefully this will not go cold. I am also attempting to build relationship with the IAM – awaiting date for meeting with Neil Greig, Policy & Research Director for IAM

DfT are proving as impenetrable as ever to me – will step up attempts to establish communications with them in the New Year

ULEZ Campaign

Still no engagement from TfL on the ULEZ expansion. Latest formal letters to TfL have not received any response.

Bus Lanes

Progress is being made in WYCA and I am hopeful that the snail pace achieved in West Midlands will eventually get somewhere. Potential to work with the National Association of Blood Bikes has come up with a number of petitions being raised asking for access for blood bikes. I have made contact with the Midlands Freewheelers and the National Association.

Transport Policy

We are very clearly in the sweet spot for the 5 year cycle of Local Transport Plans. The release of the updated Pathways Document has been serendipitous and continues to be a good campaigning tool. My approach is to attempt to identify upcoming consultations and make presentations upstream of the formal process. The logic here is that consulting on local policy for motorcycling is impossible when there is literally no policy on the subject in the draft plans. We need to get ahead of the game. The Pathways document is a perfect tool for doing this.

Ride to Work Day

Planning for this is moving at a pace. Northamptonshire County Council are fully on board and we are looking to doing a case study exercise on a specific industrial/business park which is currently under pressure to produce a transport plan due to excessive congestion. I also have buy in from the NPCC lead for motorcycling who is also now Chief Constable for Northamptonshire. The campaign will run in earnest from the beginning of May giving a 6 week build up to RTW Day on 15th June.

ENDS

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Report to NC: Lembit Öpik

2019 12 08

Clean Air Zones

All the parties apart from Brexit Party and DUP seem determined to promote clean air zones. We will encourage bikers to ask questions on this of new MPs after General Election.

Lembit attended the Global Warming Policy Foundation annual lecture, which was over-cautious in challenging the issues related to bad science and climate change. We will continue our dialogue with them, and other like-minded individuals and groups.

As part of the attack on ICE machines, Conservatives, Labour and Lib Dems all want to stop the right to sell petrol motorcycles by 2030-2040. The Green Party want to encourage a shift from large capacity motorcycles to small capacity ones and are, at the same time, opposed to increased use of motorcycles. We are going to engage with the new Parliament to challenge the logic of these timeframes.

PRs and Media

Network contains a large "Election Special" section for the General Election. Lembit appeared for 45 minutes interview on the 'Brand Online' radio show, with a long discussion about motorcycles and MAG. We achieved a lot of coverage for Lembit's attendance at National Road Safety Conference.

For the February 2020 edition of The Road, Lembit is writing an article about the danger of not challenging the current 'ban ICE bikes' lobby. The whole electric charging issue is a central element in this. Electric motorbikes aren't even in the charging equation and not being catered for in the infrastructure.

Consultations

George Legg is doing an outstanding job of finding relevant items in his 'Trollings' activity. We also check up on road safety news in case of threats to our right to ride.

Vision Zero

Lembit raised MAG's concerns about a literal interpretation of the idea that we can reduce deaths and serious injuries related to transport to zero. This caused some debate at the conference.

Lembit met David Davies from PACTS, who is clearly interested in road safety, but more sceptical on air pollution. This is a developing relationship that is more about covering us from threats rather than trying to change the whole road safety agenda.

Politicians

The General Election on 12th December will probably define the political landscape for the next 3-5years. A Conservative majority is the simplest outcome to deal with. A hung Parliament also means we have to address all the parties involved in Government. There are no other likely outcomes. We will approach all new and re-elected MPs after the election. We'll also approach the Secretary of State for Transport for a meeting.

Note that Rob Halpern MP met the Secretary of state for Transport who presented a contradictory position: pro-electric for cars while still owning an 18 gallons-per-hour aircraft. We need to be fair but firm in defending ICE machines.

MCIA

At their AGM in Nov 2019, the clear focus was a shift away from traditional motorcycles and ICE power. There's room for debate with MCIA as they appear to be creating a vacuum where they used to be in representing traditional motorcycling, but aren't really doing so any more.

Recruitment

Ian Churchlow and Lembit have created 3 videos, which will be shown to NC. All 3 have been edited by cameraman John Nettleship. Considering there was no budget, it's good work! We need to establish how best to use these.

Diary

General Election 12th December 2019.

Portfolio development for NC and Board

- Continue recruitment portfolio with Ian Churchlow.
- Get Bill Green to write NEC report for Network.
- Approach Neil Liversidge when permitted to progress policy areas.
- Continue to work through Trollings with George Legg.
- Complete The Road items with Ian Mutch.
- Seek right NC member for MCIA liaison – or accept this must be by HQ.

Lembit Öpik

Director Communications & Public Affairs, MAG