

National Committee Attendance Sheet

National Committee Meeting				Date:18/04/2020	
Surname	First Name	Initials	Region/Post	Present	Apologies
Armstrong	Michael	MA	Cumbria Rep	✓	
Boyd	Martyn	MB	Contact for Northern Ireland		
Bridgwood	Alex	AB	Lincolnshire Rep	✓	
Brown	Colin	CB	Director Campaigns & Political Engagement	✓	
Carrott	Andy	AC	Vice Chair / Lincolnshire Deputy Rep / Director TMAGL	✓	
Carrott	Jane	JC	Minute Taker / Director TMAGL	✓	
Carter	Paul	PC	South West Rep	✓	
Churchlow	Ian	IC	Director TMAGL / NEL	✓	
Cox	Tony	TC	North West Rep / Director TMAGL / Trustee Foundation	✓	
Fawthrop	Tim	TF	Greater London Rep		
Gale	Anne	AG	Network Editor	✓	
Hughes	Bill	BH	North Wales Rep		
Lavender	Selina	SL	Chair / Director NEL / Director TMAGL	✓	
Legg	George	GL	National Web Research Officer / Western Region Rep	✓	
Mallett	Steve	SM	South East Rep	✓	
Manton	Richard	RM	Yorkshire Rep	✓	
McFadden	Phil	PM	South Wales Rep / Trustee Foundation		
Mutch	Ian	IM	President / Editor "The Road"		
Öpik	Lembit	LÖ	Director Comms & Public Affairs	✓	
Peregrine	Tim	TP	Southern Rep	✓	
Seymour	Pete	PS	Thames Valley Rep	✓	
Vacant			East Anglia Region		
Vacant			East Midlands Region		
Vacant			Eastern Region		
Vacant			Herts / Essex Region		
Vacant			National Clubs Liaison Officer		
Vacant			National Reps' Liaison Officer		
Wells	Graham	GW	West Midlands Rep	✓	
Wigham	Dave	DW	North East Rep	✓	
Wykes	Steve	SW	Scotland Rep	✓	

Motorcycle Action Group: National Committee Meeting

Date: April 18, 2020 Time 12.00 pm Venue: Not applicable

1. Introduction:

Due to Government-led national restrictions on movement and social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, the April 2020 NC meeting did not take place.

The Board of Directors met via Skype on the evening of Friday 17th April 2020 and the morning of Saturday 18th April 2020, and SL advised in advance that she would be available to speak to via phone/Skype, etc between 12.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Saturday for any questions from those on the National Committee.

2. Apologies for absence:

Not applicable.

Where Attendance Sheet is marked as 'Present', this indicates that persona have advised that they have viewed the Political Unit video report.

3. Appointments and resignations:

Dave Wigham re-elected to post of North East Regional Rep.

Tony Cox re-elected to post of North West Regional Rep.

In recognition of the fact that AGMs can no longer take place until restrictions are lifted, a proposal will be taken to the NC list to propose that the Constitutional requirement for all AGMs to take place no more than 15 months following the last one be suspended until further notice.

4. Adoption of NC agenda:

Not applicable.

5. Ratification of previous NC Minutes:

i. Minutes of previous NC meeting.

To accept the February 2020 NC Minutes.

Proposed: George Legg; Seconded: Steve Wykes. Carried. Vote taken via email.

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

To accept the recently generated Position Statement regarding Vehicle Excise Duty.

Approved with minor amends.

6. Matters arising from previous NC Minutes:

SL: Provide Ride2Work Day flyers to April NC meeting. Unable to action: no physical meeting.

AC - Circulate social media stats to NC list. Done and exercise repeated with figures appearing in the Vice Chair report to NC.

7. Campaigns/Priorities:

CB and LÖ, with support from SL, put together a video report, which has been circulated to the NC.

NC requested to view and confirm via email that they have done so. This confirmation to be taken as "attendance" and recorded on the Attendance Sheet.

See Appendices for attached formal reports.

8. Board meeting report (including FEMA):

The Board met via Skype on Friday evening, including Julie (JS), and again on Saturday morning with the Political team. The Board has been in regular contact via email between meetings. The Board, along with JS, has worked to observe the Government restrictions currently in place and to ensure the organisation does not run into financial difficulties.

There were some technical difficulties in getting everyone on Skype. IM was invited to both meetings but did not attend either of them.

No appointments or resignations.

Minutes of previous meeting approved and action points from previous meeting addressed. No Skype meetings held between scheduled Board meetings.

Executive officer report received by email: Charley Davies (CD), Sub Editor, was contacted regarding his role as it was felt this was an area where savings could be made. CD was asked whether, in the current circumstances, he would be prepared to work as a volunteer. His response was 'lay me off and come back to me when things change'. Following discussion and bearing in mind CD contract has reached a review point, the Board agreed that the contract be terminated and subsequently reviewed when MAG is again in a position to pay for such additional services.

Finance report: JS received an email from Warwick Council and is applying for 'small business rate relief' and has also applied for and had approved a non-repayable Government Grant in the amount of £10,000. The frequency of finance reports has been increased to monthly. Alarm points have been set for when reserves fall to 4 months, 3 months, 2 months and 1 month (current reserves 6 months). SL to remind RRs that funds should continue to come in as revenue stream is extremely important at this time.

IT/Website: JS has not heard from Leslie regarding the database; she will continue to try to make contact. Progress continues with the website although it has been delayed, in part due to the current situation. JS is confident there will be a working version available in May for 'release' in June.

FEMA: IC attended the FEMA AGM last time the NC met and had a Microsoft Teams meeting with them on Thursday evening. Everyone is in a similar situation throughout Europe regarding Coronavirus. The situation regarding illegal riders and how they make up rider statistics, first raised by SMC, Sweden, is something other countries may take on; see IC article in The ROAD issue 87, page 48 & 49. Regarding a joint MAG/BMF statement following Brexit, there is an agreement that this will happen towards the end of the year.

MAG's next FEMA membership payment is due in June (payments are made quarterly). Suggestion that we consider requesting a payment holiday, with a decision to review nearer to the payment date.

MAG Media: The current situation and cancellation of events led to last-minute changes and space needing to be filled in the magazine. IM managed to fill all the pages and get the pages to the printers on time. The printed magazine has arrived at the office and has been despatched to members. A quote has been obtained so we can make informed decisions going forward. See A.O.B. The next issue of The ROAD should go out on time, perhaps with a few less pages if there is concern over content; SL to communicate this to IM.

NEL: Following the introduction of lockdown, the office-based staff were offered the option to work 4 days a week with no loss of pay in consideration of their personal circumstances and in order to adjust to the changes. Following this meeting staff are to return to 5 full days a week, subject to workload.

Overview of where we currently are:

CB and LÖ continue to work from home (which is usual practice) and Julie and Carol are also still working. MAG currently has 6 months financial reserves. Call-out to NC for surplus funds to be donated to central will be circulated. Some members not attending ITV are, in effect, donating by not requesting a refund of their ticket money. Cash is coming in via the donate button on the website, including some quite sizeable donations, and one person has set up a monthly payment.

Furlough: Only available if staff are not working at all, which is not the case with our staff. We still have funds to continue to pay all staff costs. Furlough is not an option at this time.

Reducing running costs: There is little scope to reduce running costs as we already run a very efficient operation. JS will continue to seek Board input on whether to pay in full, part-pay or defer on individual invoices. We do not hold large amounts of stock, nor have we plans to increase our stock.

Virtual meetings: This meeting has had technical issues with 6 people, so to get the whole NC online at one time would be impractical and unmanageable regardless of the program used. The meeting could potentially be broken into smaller groups, a consideration for the June meeting.

Figures on membership and plans to 'scoop up' any missed renewals: Identify where a cancelled event may be a recruitment opportunity. Encourage members to add/update their email address in the database, so we can make the best use of electronic communication. Draft a PR to tell people we are missing the cancelled event and seeing them, and to ask them to check the expiry date on their membership card. Repeat message through Network and The ROAD that people need to check and renew, that MAG is still operating, that their membership is important to us, and including options to make a donation.

Look to take on an IT Undergraduate (IM suggestion): Educational facilities are shut at this time. This would be a long-term plan and if we were to go down this route and involves investment in terms of money and time. Not something to consider further at present.

Change Lembit's role to purely recruitment (IM suggestion): Not practical in the short term.

Suggestions presented to IM:

Form a committee or website to post ideas on about how to fund MAG this year without the events.
Response: We already have a committee in the NC, and they will be consulting with their members.
Double the frequency of The ROAD and charge £2 for it.

Response: Not feasible.

Pay our 2021 membership subscriptions now and have automatic renewal at the end of this year.

Response: Logistically possible but would have implications for next year in respect to maintaining a regular income.

Offer a new three-year membership, discounted to £60 (for example), to be taken out now.

Response: Logistically possible but would have implications for next year in respect to maintaining a regular income.

£10 donation from each member.

Response: a donate button has already been set up on the website.

Offer to clean somebody else's bike or car for a contribution to MAG?

Response: none required, although AC noted the impracticality of this in lockdown.

AGC 2020: Whilst we do not yet know what, if any, restrictions will be in place at the end of September, SL feels it is highly unlikely that AGC 2020 will go ahead as currently scheduled. No region has yet submitted a proposal to host, and once meeting restrictions are lifted it is likely to be too late to book a venue given that all venues have had events pushed back. JS advised that Pete Walker has said there may be a way for Yorkshire to host. SL will investigate. AC pointed out that, even if there are no restrictions, some people will not be prepared to attend large indoor gatherings for a long time. Investigate options (including suspension) and discuss with NC.

Press release regarding Oxford County Council Transport policy release and biased position statement on motorcycling on Friday 17th: TRF supportive.

PR on VED position.

Still working on possible CBT extension (to be followed by a PR). Government may take the view that they still want the revenue. MCIA have contacted Government on this issue; MAG needs to follow up.

ABS: Jon Strong involved in drive to press for standardisation to reduce costs and ensure this safety critical equipment is adequately maintained and not avoided on cost grounds.

ChiPT: work currently digital so can hit the ground running when Coronavirus emergency is over. Next meeting in two weeks' time and potential sponsors to be approached at that stage.

Ride2Work publicity continuing.

No further contact with British Cycling at this stage. Possibly look to them for support regarding our position on VED.

TP helping with nationwide FOI request regarding bus lanes and motorcycle access.

Cambridge awaits public consultation.

Secure parking: Bike theft continues with high levels of inaccuracies on vehicle descriptions. Improvement in data reporting required. Need to pursue survey of Police figures.

MCIA: Nothing to report.

Putting data together on modal shift, hybrid worse than ICE and electric vehicles. Northamptonshire positive; putting figures together on effect of discouraging motorcyclists regarding Carbon shift created by using cars.

Vision Zero: totally contradictory findings. Heidi Alexander rejected claim that motorcycle accidents have been exacerbated by cycle schemes.

Push Government to update motorcycle policy. Grant Shapps tied up with Coronavirus, so will make approach via Junior Minister for Transport, Kelly Tolhurst.

9. Forthcoming events:

None noted.

Many events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

One virtual rally (Into the Garden) is currently scheduled.

10. Requests for AGM Observers:

None. All AGMs postponed until further notice.

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

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

i. Regional Reps

British Independent Islands: (vacant)

No report available.

Cumbria: Michael Armstrong

West Cumbria MAG.

Meetings are on hold, information and communication is being passed on via WhatsApp
Easter Egg Ride was cancelled.

Furness MAG.

Meetings are on hold, information and communication is being passed on via private page on Facebook.
Piel Island Party was cancelled.
Dead End Rally is on hold, decision for go ahead to be taken in June.

RR Report.

Send NC emails to Furness/West Cumbria MAG.

Politics Bit: -

Sent out invites to local MPs for the Easter Egg Run and then had to cancel them.

East Anglia: (vacant)

No report available.

Eastern: (vacant)

No report available.

East Midlands: (vacant)

No report available.

Greater London: Tim Fawthrop

No report available due to illness.

Herts & Essex: (vacant)

No report available.

Lincolnshire: Alex Bridgwood

Firstly, my apologies for not sending a report through in February for the NC meeting held then. This report contains everything from then up to now.

Going back a little further than February to last June when Lincolnshire MAG provided volunteers to marshal at Swaton Village Show. We have been advised that for our efforts £250 was raised for MAG and has been sent to Central.

In January we attended Springfields Motorbike Show in Spalding. This was kindly organised by Andy and saw members helping on the stand over the weekend. We had two renewals and one new member sign up.

Since Springfields we have had another quiet period, although with the warmer weather arriving in March, I would imagine most would have envisaged getting out on the bikes. Something which has sadly been hampered since the coronavirus has taken hold.

For the foreseeable future not much looks to be happening within the Region and it is a case of, unfortunately, waiting out.

North East: Dave Wigham

No report available due to illness.

Northern Ireland: Martyn Boyd

No report submitted.

North Wales: Bill Hughes

Sadly, nothing happening here. The bike show and all meeting have been cancelled till further notice due to the lock down. Just as I get the OK from my consultant to ride again, the lock me down which is frustrating as I was looking forward to restarting my campaign with the Local Authorities in North Wales, particularly Flintshire who will not recognise PTW's in their transport policy.

Hopefully, it will not go on for too long, I think we can forget most of the summer, but as soon as it is lifted, I WILL be back in the saddle doing what I do best...Stirring ...

North West: Tony Cox

7th February: -Board meeting MAG Central

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

8th February: - NC Meeting, Honiley Court Hotel

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

9th February: - NW 16th Fred Hill Run, Sawley Abbey

This year we changed the destination of the run and held the service at Sawley Abbey with Bishop Michael & Bill Green doing the honours. It wasn't the best-timed event we've ever held but we didn't let it beat us as we rode into the teeth of Storm Ciara, which made it a bit difficult for many to even reach us as many routes to the venue were flooded out. We got half a dozen on the ride on bikes and a few cars and so it was a success.

9th February: - NW AGM, The White Bull Inn, Gisburn

As per tradition, we held the NW AGM straight after the Fred Hill Run. I was returned as NW Rep unopposed although I am quite happy to step aside if someone with more spare time wants to have a go at the role. Bill Green was returned as treasurer and Political Officer, Mark Batterton as Secretary and we have a new NW Affiliated Clubs' officer in Stevo Johnson from the A59'ers. Dave Wigham had kindly agreed to attend as NC observer but had to turn back due to the horrendous weather we were experiencing on the day.

19th February: - WordPress Course, MAG HQ, Honiley

I took the day off work to travel down to Central so that I could partake in the WordPress course that Julie had arranged. Mark Young is the main person developing the new website but I thought it a good idea to keep in touch with how the site is developing and improve my knowledge of WP.

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. WordPress training has been completed and I do not think the new website is too far away from launch. I have placed a "Donate" on the home page of the old website and so far, it has generated £200.

Other News and future events.

- Blackpool MAG Rally and the Bike Show in Stanley Park are still planned to go ahead but I feel that we may need to cancel due to Covid 19 pandemic

- Red Rose MAG meetings are on hold now whilst the pub they use as a meeting point is re-furbished.
- Morecambe MAG has a change of meeting venue.
- Salford & Manchester MAG still functioning.
- Wirral MAG's functioning well.
- IOM TT 2020 is another victim of the pandemic and I had put a lot of work into the supplement this year and got some excellent photos to use, including a cracker for the front cover but unfortunately it will all have to wait until 2021
- 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

Seems rather strange writing this and not heading down to the Board and NC meetings, but we are where we are.

Activities in the period were as follows and most seem an age ago now.

February 7th - Attended Board meeting at MAG Central

February 8th - Attended NC Meeting at Honiley Court Hotel, Honiley, Warwickshire.

February 21st - Submitted Transport Scotland Low Emission Zone - Guidance and Regulation Consultation (Copy attached).

March 1st - Attended NE MAG AGM in Durham as NC observer, despite limited turnout the meeting followed procedure and all sitting committee members were duly proposed, seconded and elected. Welcome back Dave.

March 6th to 8th - Helped set up and man MAG Stand at the Scottish Bike show at Ingliston near Edinburgh, many thanks to Avril and Kaye for bring the stand up from the North East and lugging it back down again on Sunday.

Over the course of the weekend as well as talking to many members we signed up approximately a dozen members of which two to three were new, with the remainder being renewals. The opportunity was also taken to highlight the Edinburgh City Mobility plan consultation, which strangely does not recognise motorcycling as part of the solution. Apparently, we are all supposed to Walk Cycle or use public transport for all journeys regardless how impractical this may be.

Other stuff attended Edinburgh and Glasgow group meetings in February and March. Finalising response to Edinburgh City Mobility plan consultation to be submitted by April 30th.

South East: Steve Mallett

1/ Attended Feb NC and various N Kent branch Meetings.

2/ Thurs 13/3/20 with Dep Rep JC Quinton, delivered GL MAG stand to the ExCel MCN London Bike Show and set-up on site. Members of N Kent MAG manned the stand on the Friday + 1 on Sunday signing up approx 12 new members.

3/ Lower Thames Crossing, the latest supplementary report is out. After careful dissection of the report and attending public consultations the following progress has been made.
The Crossing and adjacent connections will be to 'All-purpose Trunk Road status' (GD 300) and as such will be 'green sign-posted'.

The same charges as the Dartford Crossing will apply = no charge for m/cs.

NB, the current Dartford charge is technically not a toll but a congestion charge.

*Funds to build the LTC have now been allocated in the latest budget, 11/3/20.

Exclusions in the LTC, although not a motorway, the same restrictions as to use will apply, therefore no learners on 125cc bikes.

Local MAG members have attended 4 of the local public consultations and put MAG's concerns to the duty staff. At all these consultations the staff were helpful but very ill-informed. One staff member telling me that motorcycles of 500 cc were not allowed on motorways....!

4/ M20/smart motorways.

Following pressure from SE MAG's JC Quinton, Local MP Tracey Crouch has questioned the transport Minister in Parliament and consequently halted the implementation of Smart Motorway status on a section of the M20. There is no safety radar in situ and the emergency refuges are too far apart. Until this is sorted out, a 50-mph restriction will remain in place.

5/ Hastings MAG,

Following a FOI request to Sussex Police for information, Rep Andy Cutts has met with his new MP (Sally-Ann Hart) to discuss bike theft in Sussex. (await report)

6/ N Kent

a/ Fred Hill ride, 1/3/20, 5 x members rode to London and joined up with the GL ride to Pentonville, Sadly, numbers were well down with just 12 persons in total attending.

b/ 8/03/20, 'C' road Ride -out with affiliated clubs, (VMCC, BSAoc, REoc members)

c/ Quiz night with affiliated Honda OC, on hold/ cancelled.

In the spirit of Mr M's last Editorial, we continue to reach out to affiliated clubs.

d/ Rock Night 21-3-20 was cancelled.

e/ Fund raising Virtual rally, will be on N Kent MAG fb, 'Into the Garden', being organised for Fri 24th April at 6pm.

7/ E Kent

Kalona and Sue from E Kent HAD started their bike nights again based on Pebbles Beach Kiosk.

In spite of rain and gales they got a good turnout, (Now cancelled until further notice)

8/ 31/3/20: Transport for South East Forum, attended via 'Zoom' link. Meeting mainly focused on the feedback from their public consultations. There was a 'Top Ten' of subjects raised and, sad to say, motorcycles were not represented. The public response to the consultation and participation in the on-line meeting seems top heavy with Friends of the Earth, walkers/cyclists and the Green party. Some discussion about how the economic fallout from Covid 19 will affect progress towards their ultimate aims.

Southern: Tim Peregrine

The local Group Reps met in February and then with the situation deteriorating, we took the decision to have the March meeting via Zoom, which seemed to work effectively. April meeting is scheduled to be held over Zoom.

Some Groups and individuals are more active on Social Media and checks have been made on individuals who are not online or at high-risk.

Prior to lockdown, Regional Deputy Rep attended Portsmouth Transport Liaison Group meeting for introducing Clean Air Zone, the regular County Council Road Safety South and heard how there was plans for a Drug drive campaign in the Summer and how 50% of Road side tests drug test in Hants and Thames Valley were positive. (Operation Holly) and the Communities Against Noise and Speed (CANS) meeting as they had restarted their campaign.

We are aware that we now have three local AGMs due:

- Salisbury
- Portsmouth
- Basingstoke

There are no issues in any of the Groups, which are all ticking along and have activity under lockdown.

South Wales: Phil McFadden

South Wales Fred Hill run was postponed due to storms.

Cardiff group attended an autojumble at Celtic Motorcycles in Resolven 23rd Feb with the stand. Last weekend would have been the Llanishen Show. Everything else is cancelled or postponed.

Aberystwyth is looking at the suggestion of a "virtual rally" - will wait until the end of the month to get a feel for the outlook in July. Luckily, the Aberystwyth MAG Rally does not have any cancellation fee - so no funds are lost if the event cannot go ahead, and we can cancel the on-the-ground event at quite short notice if needs be.

South West: Paul Carter

Since attending the February NC meeting, I have attended a South West Group meeting held in Dorset. Also had a North Devon Group meeting.

Come Dine with MAG was held once again at Doug and Tracy Smiths. This event raised over £400 for MAG.

We are now in lockdown and are social distancing as required by the rules.

Thames Valley: Pete Seymour

No report submitted.

Western: George Legg

Nothing going on, as everyone is locked down, or doing essential work.

West Midlands: Graham Wells

There's not much happening around here at the moment. I missed the last N.C. meeting because I was at the Dragon Rally. Since then and before the lockdown myself and Colin met with the councillor concerned with the clean air zone and road planning in Birmingham to discuss aspects of the plans concerning PTWs.

I've been attending West Midlands and Black Country meetings before the lockdown and hope to again one day.

Yorkshire: Richard Manton

I had a couple of meetings with local MP's to discuss the pathways to progress initiative. Both were impressed with our work and both have helped us to gain meetings with councillors to further our aims. (Unfortunately, everything is now on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

I had a meeting with Leeds City Council to discuss secure parking. We got the West Yorkshire police crime prevention team involved and it looks as though we are getting secure parking in all LCC owned car parks plus a couple of new sites.

We have also had motorcycles listed as a sustainable form of transport in LCC guidelines which is a big win.

Bus lane trial was due for discussion last week but due to everyone "working from home" nothing has happened, so we await developments when everything gets back to normal.

The Steph Jeavons talk went really well and we cleared £1100 profit.

The West Yorkshire Fred Hill run was postponed due to weather but the daft lot in East Yorkshire managed to get a few hardy souls to complete their ride.

We recently lost a MAG life member and mate of mine, Panos Englezou. He will be sadly missed, and I would like to do a proper obituary to him in the next issue of The Road.

ii. Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair:

I am busier than usual as I stay in closer contact with the office. You will see a lot of what I've been dealing with in reports, although you won't see the direct input I've made. The Directors are keeping a close watch on the finances and are all aware of their responsibility in regard to MAG weathering the storm and surviving as we see fundraisers, large and small, hit by cancellations.

Since last report:

Attended Feb Board & NC meetings.

Went to the London Excel Motorcycle Show to volunteer on the stand.

Articles/input for BSH, Network, PRs and The ROAD. Things change quickly sometimes, the BSH article being an example: I wrote about the May 2020 elections and before the article went into print the elections had been postponed until 2021.

Guidance to NC and members relating to Covid-19, pre-lockdown and since. I have responded to members who have contacted MAG asking directly about riding at this time.

Work on releasing Direct Debit for monthly payment of membership.

Contact via the NC list, emails, phone, Facebook and Zoom.

Admin related work on reports; Board minutes, NC minutes, employees reports to Board & NC meetings. I have this morning (15th April) recorded and uploaded a video of the Political team's report.

There were several training sessions planned to coincide with our meetings this weekend, none of which will happen now. It is best we all stay home and stay safe.

As I have said on list, "I am available on Saturday to take any questions". In the meantime, your reports need to be submitted; I know many of you have done so, and when it is released watch the Political teams report and confirm you have seen it for registering your attendance.

Board meeting on Skype Friday at 7pm, NC comments to be discussed.

As already advised and here for the purpose of the minutes: The NC will not have a full virtual meeting as the broadband my end is not up to it. A.O.B. on email to me directly or contact me via any means you use.

Vice Chair:

I attended the Board and NC meetings in what now feels like an eternity ago but was only February. My regular MAG article in South East Biker has moved from print to being online during the crisis, so MAG news is getting out there albeit in a format that cannot be used if there is another loo roll shortage. I have been monitoring the MAG Facebook page and whilst we have not had a lot of questions, from March 19th to April 15th page likes are up 323%, our "reach" is up 765% (that's the number of unique people who saw a post) and post engagements up 627% (likes, comments, feedback, etc) which I assume is as a result of people being at home. I have no data to back this up, but I have noticed a lot of groups, clubs, and online organisations start to follow MAG, which further increases our reach.

I have been talking to Selina on the phone and via email in respect to the on-going situation, as well as engaging in Board, NC and PR team emails. I have also been in touch with Pete Walker to discuss the impact of the lockdown on MAP who are looking at their options in respect to cancellations, postponements and re-scheduling of events.

We have received a few enquiries as to what is happening in respect to those riders that wish to renew their CBT (some riders don't bother taking their test and renew their CBT every 2 years). I have been in touch with a contact at the DVSA and Colin has been talking to the MCIA. My personal view is that there should be an extension to the 2 years as not all test centres are open.

iii. National Reps' Liaison Officer (vacant)

No report available.

iv. *National Clubs Officer (vacant)*

No report available.

v. *National Web Research Officer*

Still trolling through the old interweb, although there is a lot less being released at the moment.

vi. *Executive Officer*

Offices – Plans were set in place as we entered the Covid-19 crisis regarding the opening/running of the office, these were quickly changed on the evening of Monday 23rd March to a lockdown. To be honest it did catch us out as we had not expected the lockdown to occur as it did. Over that week and the following weekend, a VPN was sorted so that I could work from home with full access to the office server and my work pc. This incurred an additional charge as my personal laptop's operating memory was insufficient and caused some issues at the beginning. Carol's workload had decreased slightly and I agreed for her to cover the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday, this has now changed due to Mr M's article in MCN we have had around 30 new members of which 26 were related to that article and one of the clubs is looking to sign up 20 of their members with full memberships, so the office has been busier than expected. So Carol has been in everyday and taking calls and is quite busy. On quieter days the office will close after the post is collected at around 4.

IT – Website research is progressing, and a conference call is being arranged to go onto the next step. It is slowly progressing, and the plan is still on target for a May/June launch in line with the Ride2Work Campaign. The front page has to be right to get visitors to turn into members by joining, we get this right and our membership will grow.

The Database has not progressed further, I am waiting for a response from Leslie and will update accordingly.

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

MAG Foundation – Nothing to report at this stage.

Staff – Carol is working hard ensuring that memberships are up to date. We have a daily chat and communicate as required in addition to this. Her loyalty to MAG is brilliant and cannot be questioned. Colin continues to work to a high standard and finding barriers as officers are not responding to his emails which he is finding frustrating. Planned updates with Mayors and Police Commissioners elections have been delayed for a year, to allow COVID-19 to pass and allow the country to return to normal. Lembit had made progress with the Government Motorcycle Policy update but that has now been delayed as everything else has. Lembit has taken E10 consultation into his priorities which works well with CHIPT project. ***

Staff appraisals have been completed. *** All wish to thank the Board for their generosity in giving pay increments.

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

Sub-Contractors contracts – Mr M has been more pro-active in getting copy for the latest issue of The ROAD. Issue 87 was much improved with the longer proof period. No concerns with Charley regarding his standard of work. ***

My role – No change in real terms now working from home and visiting the office once a week to collect post, files etc. My laptop caused a frustrating time (at the beginning) as it required a small upgrade to allow me to work via a VPN. The main addition to my workload is weekly cash-flow reporting with warnings to the Board at set points regarding reserves and the use of our reserves to maintain stability. We are in a good position to ride this crisis and in real terms carry on as near normal as possible. We are however keeping all spending to essential only, so in real terms ensuring members get the service that they pay for, externally no difference will be seen. We are preparing should we need to reduce costs further should this crisis last for a longer period than expected. I am in contact with the office and available to the Campaigns team as required. Due to my asthma I am keeping all face to face none household contact to zero, my daughters are doing my food shopping (which is costing me more than normal!) my only freedom is my horse and the yard is keeping to allotted times to keep distance rulings for all liveryes, I am lucky as I am in a barn with my daughter so do not see others.

Health & Safety – fixed wiring check due November 2020

MAG Member Benefits – no update

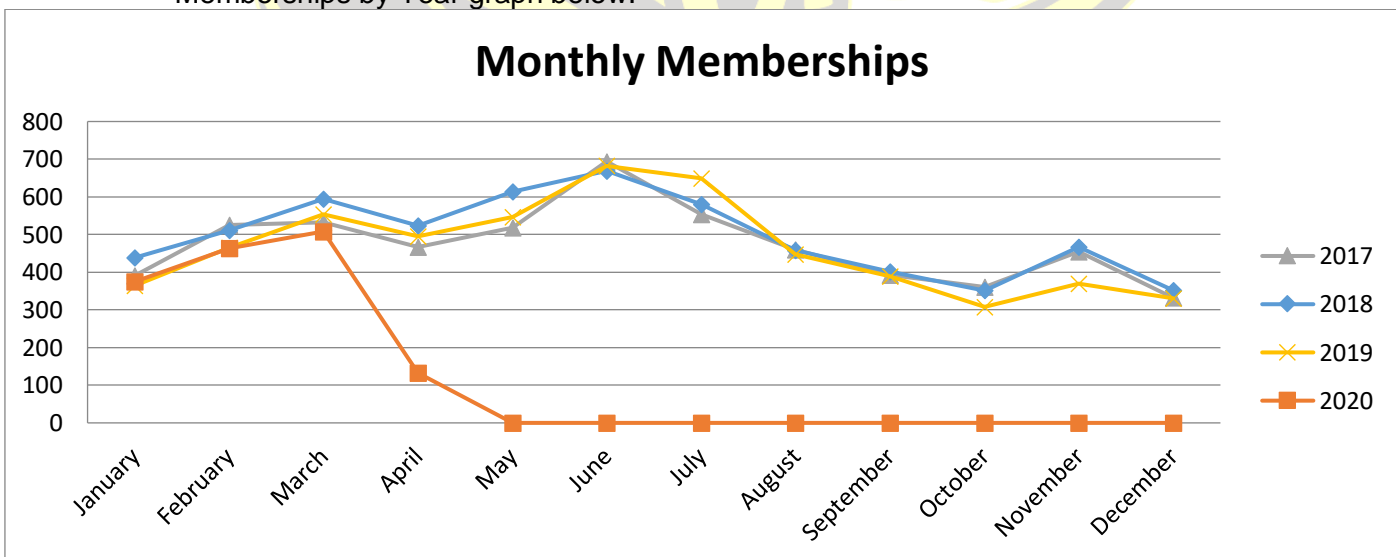
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vii. *Finance and membership figures*

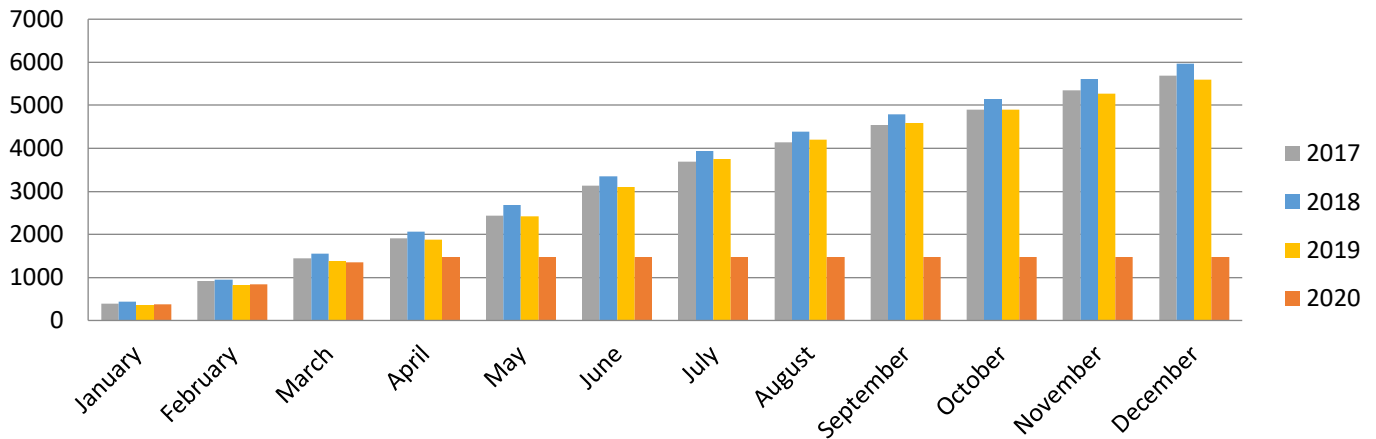
The Motorcycle Action Group Limited financial report up to end of March 2020.

Memberships taken by Bikesure via Go Compare/Quotezone comparison sites over the first quarter of the year 94 new memberships and 80 renewals compared to 2019 for the same period we are 3 memberships down overall (total 2020 - 174: 2019 - 177).

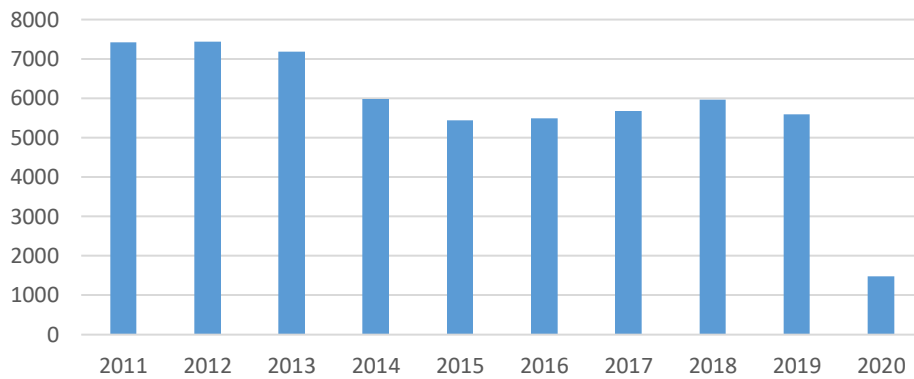
The below graph shows that memberships by month have followed previous years patterns. March is currently sitting below all other years and still have some standing order memberships to add. Overall compared to 2019 the first quarter is down a total of 35 memberships as shown in the Cumulative Memberships by Year graph below.



Cummulative Memberships by Year



Total Membership

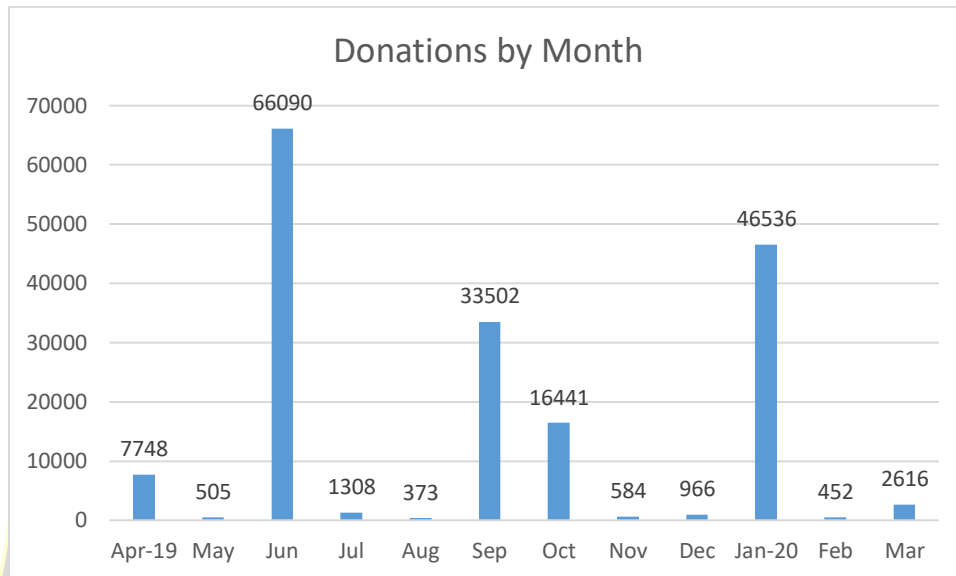


There is a total of 1,392 Life members. The database currently shows the total membership at 7113 this includes Life Members and Nominated Officers. From the database we have 24 corporate members and 103 clubs. Please note that not all clubs use the associated nominated officers' membership and prefer to pay, the database is showing 79 Nominated Officers.

Cash balances as at today 09.04.20 or where indicated.

			Current	Previous Jan 20	Movement
TMAGL	Lloyds – current	09.04.20	8,616.00	17,463.77	8,847.77 ↓
TMAGL	Lloyds – Reserves instant access	09.04.20	170,025.36	200,009.11	29,983.75 ↓
TMAGL	Lloyds – standing orders	09.04.20	806.58	1,595.13	788.55 ↓
NEL	Lloyds – current	01.04.20	8,153.85	6,739.49	1,414.36 ↑
MAG Foundation	Lloyds – current	01.04.20	8,429.73	8,368.24	61.49 ↑
MAG Media	Lloyds - current	01.04.20	26,748.97	25,460.67	1,288.30 ↑

Reserves are currently at over 6 months' worth of running costs. The chart below shows donations received over the last twelve months (April 2019 to March 2020 total of £177,119).



viii. *Foundation (Tony Cox)*

I have received the disc lock and reminder cable from Oxford products, all ready to use as a promotion at the Manchester Show but as with many events, the show was cancelled.

I have had a plea from Stolen Motorcycle Recovery London for help with getting their van through the MOT but have explained that in the current climate we may not be able to help but will discuss with the other Trustees.. We are still planning on getting some new "Think Bike" stickers made for inside windows and also as bumper/pannier stickers when time allows.

12. Any other business:

i. *Questions from Cumbria region (echoed by others)*

1. Has MAG considered furloughing their full-time staff with the help from government aid? We understand that this would set back campaigning but would help with costs.
2. Would MAG consider adding £5 to everyone's membership for one year?
3. Regarding the renewal of memberships, how many are renewed at our major bike rallies? What is the likely drop in revenue if these are not renewed?

Addressed in Board discussions (see item 8. above). SL to provide written response via NC list.

ii. *Suggestions from a member via IM and The ROAD*

Addressed in Board discussions (see item 8. above). SL to provide written response via IM.

iii. AGC 2020

Discussed under item 8. above.

13. Additions to Priorities:

Covered under Campaigns.

Date of next meeting: 12.00 pm, Saturday 13th June 2020 (COVID-19 restrictions notwithstanding).



APPENDIX 1

POLITICAL UNIT WRITTEN REPORTS: COLIN BROWN

Resource Library

Some progress made adding to the Road Safety section.

Clean Air Zones

Coronavirus has seen a raft of delays to the implementation of various Clean Air Zones, including Birmingham, Leeds and indeed to the Oxford Zero Emission Zone.

Whilst the initial report following the Oxford ZEZ accepted none of our points, there was a second consultation launched on minor changes. With the lockdown there was an announcement that the consultation would be suspended until the summer. Prior to this I had contacted relevant officers to arrange a conference call, but this had not happened by the time of the postponement.

I submitted a full written response to the Welsh Clean Air Plan following my attendance at the stakeholder workshop in Aberystwyth.

Letter sent to new SoS at DEFRA (George Eustice) – no response to date.

Crime/Secure Parking

FOI responses are coming in for the Police Force Bike Theft Rankings. The timescale pressure has been taken off due to delay of Mayoral and PCC elections, but we will publish as soon as possible. ***

Hackney Parking Consultation has drawn reaction from the MCIA who have asked about possible joint position. I have yet to explore this with them. I have reached out to Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport & Public Realm, but received no response.

MCIA

Nothing to report.

Road Safety

Very little to report with the RSGB conference postponed till September.

Attended a LRSC/TfL data session in February. The need to challenge TfL on its performance when it comes to motorcycle safety is growing with motorcycle fatalities increasing while cycle fatalities decline.

ULEZ Campaign

ULEZ and the Congestion Charge have both been suspended during the lockdown.

Bus Lanes

Excellent result progressing in Cambridge where a policy of motorcycle access to bus lanes is being progressed as a climate change policy. We have been invited to respond to a stakeholder survey initially. A public consultation will follow but timings are yet to be announced.

Oxford rejected the bus lane access solution to reduce the rat-run nature of delivery rider access through their Zero Emission Zone.

Transport Policy

Full written response submitted to Birmingham Transport Plan following meeting with Cllr Zaffar and senior officer. It appeared that the key message was accepted – i.e. they have forgotten to consider motorcycles. Consultation period has been extended

Ride2Work Day

Filming of the Filter Friendly video has been compromised by the lockdown. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to get the video launched for this year. I am determined that RTW Day campaign will run as an awareness/comms campaign. Clearly there can be no work “in the field” but as an online awareness campaign there is no barrier to continuing. Website is well under way.

Vehicle Excise Duty

Position statement working through the system

2035 Petrol/Diesel Ban

Formal request for a stakeholder meeting was made 6th March. As yet, no response.

Transport Decarbonisation Plan

Formal request to be placed on all stakeholder lists and communications subscriptions made on 31st March.

E10 Petrol consultation

This consultation was launched 4th March (closes 3rd May).

ENDS

APPENDIX 2

POLITICAL UNIT WRITTEN REPORTS: LEMBIT ÖPIK

Priority	Action Points		Activity
1 Clean Air Zones	Address threat to biking access to roads on basis of emissions laws	a) Identify Govt policy	No prospect of meeting until lockdown is lifted
		b) CAZ progress/news document	ULEZ suspended in London. MAG exploring this as a precedent, based on health data - no measurable improvement in non Covid-19 death rate?
		c) Safety in Numbers research	
		d) Pathways for Progress re-write	
		b) Generate strategic response	Submit document for consideration to Board, with ULEZ suspension data included
		c) Promote m/cs as modal shift solution	On hold - Parliament unlikely to sit until lockdown over
2 ICE Ban	Establish true nature of threat and most logical responses	a) Approach SoS Transport and Downing Street for clarification	Eco-groups trying to use Covid-19 to prove we don't need petrol cars - the battle is beginning on that basis
3 Cradle to grave	Comparative effect of producing, operating and disposing of different vehicles	a) Look for existing materials on this	
		b) Dr Karl Ropkins (Leeds Uni)	
		c) Kings College London report Tale of Two Cities	
		d) Professor Anderson COMEAP	

		e) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)	
		f) CAZ Position statement	
		b) Explore possibility of forcing a response from Govt	Colin asking MCI for information. We can't get action from Parliament at present
		h) APPG	
		i) Smarter Tomorrow 2019	
		j) Air Quality Consultants	
		k) Local Transport Projects	
		l) Workplace Parking Levies	
4 CHIP-T	Promote rational and equitable choice in personal transport	a) Await guidance from Board on nature of this work	Neil and Lembit aligned on project. Lembit will develop next strategy update for 15th April 2020
		b) West Midlands Crime Pilot	
		c) Motorcycle Crime Reduction Group	
		d) Metropolitan Police Force	
		e) Bike Theft Rankings	

5 PRs and media	Fulfil media duties to promote MAG	b) When authorised, generate outreach programme with Neil Liversidge to build allies and make the case for personal choice	Digital meeting held with Alliance of British Drivers, Neil, Lembit and, by proxy, Fair Fuel UK and Global Warming Policy Foundation, on 26 March. Next meeting, 16th April 2020
		g) Motorcycle Identity Theft	
		h) West Yorkshire	
		i) Stolen Bikes and KSI's	
		j) Nottinghamshire	
		c) Seek funding from transport and energy sectors	We can approach potential sponsors after 16th April 2020 meeting
		l) Northumbria	
		a) The Road	April 2020 edition complete. Work has commenced on June 2020 edition
		b) Broadcast media	
		c) Network	Done for March 2020.
		d) Press releases	Process has bedded in, between Colin and Lembit
6 Consultations	Monitor developments, promote level playing field with cycling, promote more investment and effort from national local authorities	a) Key resources are Trollings (Legg) and Road Safety Forum	Up to date on both sources up to 97th April 2020.
		b) Staffordshire	
		c) National Young Rider Forum	
		d) London Road Safety Council	
		e) City of London Riders Forum	

		f) Transport Select Committee Inquiry - Road Safety	
		g) Professor Arno Eichberger	
		h) Operation Moto	
		i) Police video prosecution/submission	
7 Vision Zero	Reactive brief	a) Challenge any literal interpretation of this	Heidi Alexander of TfL seems to literally believe in VZ as an actual target! We will challenge this.
		b) Compare with cycling safety record	Comparatively high death rate versus cycles was raised at Greater London Authority Transport Committee. Lembit proceeding with data supply to Keith Prince AM
8 Politicians	Maintain and use relationships with political reps at local and national level	a) Meet and connect with key players	Lembit met Shaun Bailey - who has asked MAG to provide motorcycle strategy for his manifesto. Election itself delayed until 2021
		b) APPG	
		b) Build new relationships	Mr David Kurten may stand for Mayor of London - a big asset to MAG
		c) Provide allies with relevant information	Keith asked MAG questions on motorcycle safety stats thanks to MAG research for London Transport Questions
9 MCIA	Work with MCIA when this drives our agenda forwards	a) Relationship with Tony Campbell	Still confirmed to attend NC - when we have it.
		b) WYCA	
		c) Nottingham	
		d) West Midlands	
		e) Manchester	

		b) Work with CCC as conduit and information source	Tony Campbell speaking directly with Lembit on phone (17th March 2020)
10 Recruitment	Build direct membership of MAG	a) Audio visual materials	Social media to be the key vehicle for messaging. Continuous commitment to report things, under guidance of Colin.
		b) RTW communication	
		b) Generate a narrative for the campaign	Developing user-friendly and compelling message to attract new members. Message included in an article in April 2020 The Road.
11 Transport Committee	Follow work of the committee and input where necessary	a) Check agenda	e-bikes and scooters on agenda Debbie Courtney got message (02072193266) and I asked for us to give evidence
		b) Input to motorcycle relevant items	As above
12 Expenses	keep current monthly	a) Forms and receipts on time	Done up to 31 March 2020
13 Diary	Share agreed meetings as necessary	a) Regular meetings	Board/NC 17 April 10.00am cancelled Board and NC reports submitted
		b) West Midlands Combined Authority	
		c) Oxfordshire	
		d) Brighton & Hove	
		e) Tees Valley	
		f) "England Economic Heartland" Transport Strategy	
		g) Transport for the South East	
		h) Birmingham Transport Plan	
		i) Midlands Connect	

		j) Transport for the North	
		k) Western Gateway	
		l) Peninsular Transport	
		m) Transport East	
		n) Cardiff Transport White Paper	
		b) Additional meetings	Myers Briggs 16th April. Cancelled
		c) Forward planning events	Ilfracombe 12 September prov. Manchester 28/29 March cancelled
14 Working with BOARD/NC	work with relevant NC or Board members on specific programmes	a) recruitment	Ian Churchlow
		b) IAM	
		b) CHIPT	Neil Liversidge
		c) Consultations	George Legg.
15 ABS	Gain understanding of policy and make our case	a) Jon Strong and Lembit to campaign for common connections	Lembit has contacted Steve Baker's office - again - to ask for engagement. Still no answer. Coronavirus shutdown means nothing likely to happen till after the current curfew is over
16 Silvertown Tunnel	What is status of tunnel and also motorcycle status in terms of charging	a) Clarify actual status of tunnel and charging regime b)	Lembit will investigate both regarding the official line. It looks like TfL is merely restating its DESIRE to charge bikers, which would tend to ignore the explicit guidance from SoS Transport. How likely the tunnel is to even be built is also in doubt.
17 KSI stats	What can we learn from abroad?	Sweden stats could be relevant here	Lembit looked at stats and hard to interpret for MAG's benefit. Proposal is to keep watching brief but focus more on the disparity between cycle safety and motorcycle safety policy, especially in London as a test case for us.