



## Leeds MAG AGM 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### 1. Present

Richard Manny Manton, Kate Williams, Sally Johnson, Gary Smith, Oliver Rose, Andy McFarlane, Martin Thompson, Zoe Thompson, Doug Nicholson, Gavin Weiner, Julie Gray, Bob Hawkins, Dave Nash, Su Mitchell, Marcus Holden, Dave Taylor, Helen Taylor, Martin Smith, Keith Maven

RM opened the meeting and introduced Oliver Rose as the Observer.

### 2. Officers' Reports

#### Group Report – Events attended 2016

January - Mad Cow Rally BSE MAG

February - Fred Hill Run,

March – Easter Egg Run,

April - 5<sup>th</sup> Comedy Curry & Cupcakes, Biker Down First Aid course

May - Marshalling at Into The Valley, Lois On The Loose in Leeds

June - Marshalling at Farmyard Party,

July - Trip to Ullapool

August – Craven Collection Ride out, Marshalling at Yorkshire Pudding,

September – Spat out of the Tsunami,

October - Theft Reduction Meeting, Leeds MAG Halloween Party.

November – Wakefield MAG's annual bikers quiz – won again

December – Toy Run to Lineham Farm,

Plus all sorts of other events and parties, both MAG and other bike clubs, maintaining the social side of Leeds MAG.

### **3. Officers Reports**

#### **Richard Manny Manton (rep)**

Another very busy year both socially and politically. We're sticking with the formula of having something, event wise, in the pipeline at all times to keep interest up and this seems to be working. We were the second highest donating group in Yorkshire for the second year running, behind East Yorkshire, but they don't count as they're a county! It would be good to get more new faces into the group as we can always accommodate more members but we are a very strong group, who know how to get things done and for this we all deserve praise and thanks. I'd like to get the Leeds MAG committee a bit more involved in decisions, so I'm suggesting a quarterly meeting, just for committee members, to discuss the way we're going, what's happening next and what needs doing to keep us on track. We can discuss how we want to do this at the end of the meeting.

We need to innovate to keep things fun and interesting for our members so suggestions are welcomed as always.

We've stalled somewhat on the bus lane access and five point plan since the illegal Halloween ride out, which coincided with the findings of the consultation! This was out of our hands and has given us a further headache with the introduction of the Leeds wide injunction.

We're meeting with both the WYCC and Councillor Debra Coupar who was the leading exponent of the injunction, next week so hopefully we'll start moving forward again very soon. Here's to a fun and productive 2017!

#### **Martin Smith (vice rep)**

Backing Manny up – not been involved as much as he would have liked due to work commitments and involvement with MAP event rallies. Helped out as and when required.

#### **Kate Williams (Treasurer)**

Accounts to end Sept 16 in line with Yorkshire AGM. Opening balance £1015, Donated £3,000 to Yorkshire MAG – the most ever donated. Balance is £833 as at today's date. Discussed making a further donation to MAG.

#### **Keith Maven/Martin Smith (MAP Liaison)**

Keith advised he missed last MAP meeting but all still appears to be on track – new site for ITV Sledemere House this year, new location is still not in the 'public domain'. Martin advised MAP are waiting for final OK before releasing location when all licenses have been agreed, and Police OK with it etc.

#### **Dunan Fryer (Membership rep)**

No report – not in attendance.

#### **Marcus Houlden (Web Master)**

Website fairly quiet this year, keeping up to date, keeping security up-to-date, online shop doing well, the wording of the 'Leeds injunction' is now on the website too. Marcus is also webmaster and MAG liaison for Team Sober Bike Club which is affiliated to MAG. This should entitle Marcus to free membership advised Manny.

#### **Marcus Houlden (New rider rep)**

More on the 'political side' – the Halloween 'hooligan ride out' are the riders we don't want, but still need to encourage new riders. He submitted a freedom of information request for the 'Leeds injunction' and raised queries with the council as to why not readily

available – but not really received any satisfactory response.

### **Helen Taylor (Club liaison)**

Continues to liaise with local clubs and keep up to date on social media – will keep up to date on FB and do key word searches to look for more clubs and avenues to approach to promote MAG - and will be more proactive in 2017.

### **Steve Corbridge (political officer)**

Unable to attend – but happy to stand again – Manny advised Steve has been invited to quite a few Leeds City Council Meetings and fed back to MAG, checking any new implementations in the pipeline

### **Sally Johnson (Communication Secretary)**

Continuing to help Manny where I can in my role which involves sending all the Leeds MAG email correspondence to current members, and maintaining databases of current and expired members and local clubs, and keeping Manny and Duncan informed of new joiners and recent expired members in case they wish to get in touch with them.

### **John Nettleship (Press liaison)**

Unable to attend due to illness. Happy to stand again. Manny thanked John for all his involvement with the press this year on behalf of MAG. Good contacts with the press, stood in for Manny on radio interviews and assisted in TV Interviews and press releases. Thanks given in his absence.

## **4. Goals and Missions**

- 1) To implement the five point plan for motorcyclists throughout West Yorkshire – including bikes in bus lanes.
- 2) To ensure that Leeds City Council and their injunction does not get in the way of normal law abiding riders.
3. To keep Leeds MAG as a leading group both politically and in the way that we know how to have fun and enjoy ourselves.

## **5. Events 2017**

Fred Hill Run – 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Comedy Curry & Cakes – 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Leeds Beer Festival – 16<sup>th</sup> March  
An evening with Nathan Millward – 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Leeds MAG Bargain Hunt – 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Easter Egg Run – date to be confirmed

Plus attending as many rallies as possible, supporting all the other Yorkshire groups and anything we can make up as we go along!

## 6. Election of roles

### ***Leeds MAG Rep***

Richard Manton, proposed Kate Williams, seconded Keith Maven vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Vice Rep***

Martin Thompson, proposed Martin Smith, seconded Sally Johnson vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Treasurer***

Kate Williams, proposed Martin Smith, seconded Dave Taylor vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG MAP Liaison***

Keith Maven (Martin Smith dep when required), proposed Manny Manton, seconded Dave Nash vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Membership Secretary***

Duncan Fryer proposed Gavin Weiner, seconded Dave Nash vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Web Officer***

Marcus Houlden, proposed Kate Williams, seconded Helen Taylor vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG New Rider Rep***

Marcus Houlden, proposed Su Mitchell, seconded Bob Hawkins vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Club Liaison***

Helen Taylor proposed Manny Manton, seconded Kate Williams, vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Political Officer***

Steve Corbridge, proposed Manny Manton, seconded Martin Thompson, vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Press Liaison***

John Nettleship, proposed Manny Manton, seconded Dave Nash vote: unanimous

### ***Leeds MAG Communication Secretary***

Sally Johnson, proposed Williams, seconded Helen Taylor vote: unanimous

### ***Events Promotions Secretary – new position – to promote events in the media.***

Zoe Thompson/ Gavin Weiner jointly, proposed Sally Johnson, seconded Martin Thompson vote: unanimous

## 7. Any other Business

Manny suggested quarterly committee meetings – formal or informal - convene at the pub? Someone's house? Dates – Committee members agreed – dates and venues to be confirmed.

Manny advised he has a meeting with Councillor Debra Coupar next week and need questions to fire at her. Manny has a number of questions already prepared – but looking for more suggestions?

Steve Corbridge - found interesting stuff re injunctions that needs putting to the council.

Doug Nicholson – seems to be a hard approach to bikers, but not same emphasis on car ‘joy riders’. The Leeds injunction is apparently listed as ‘motor vehicles’ so should apply to all vehicles not just motorcycles.

Manny advised injunction refers more to pre-arranged organised group get togethers, you can never police ad-hoc joy riders.

Bob Hawkins - asked the question why people were not arrested at the time as they didn’t have the man power.

Manny commented - the injunction just gives more powers in advance. Not enough manpower – most policing is done by CCTV cameras. Hard to catch people with no number plates on camera. The injunction penalises honest law abiding riders.

Oliver Rose – commented re Section 90 of Road Traffic Act – they do have enforceable powers – but just dont use them.

Helen Taylor – commented re Section 59 of Road Traffic Act warns re ‘antisocial behaviour’ – can they not enforce this?

Zoe Thompson commented – MP’s don’t understand what can actually be enforced when issuing injunctions etc.

Keith Maven commented – they will use the injunction as a pre warning to anyone organising antisocial ride outs etc.

Manny suggested - a ride to promote the positive side of motorcycle riding – in Leeds Centre perhaps – now the dust has settled from the Halloween hooligan ride. To be discussed at a later meeting.

Oliver Rose – raised the question of the ‘MAG Foundation’ – current trustees are struggling with time constraints to get anything out of it – looking for help or it will have to shut down. Martin Smith suggested speaking to Neil Liversedge who was involved initially. Keith said it was originally being funded and got interesting results from researcher ‘Elaine’ but nothing has really happened with it over last few years – no one really understands the Foundations actual purpose, as it has a Charitable Status – this needs to be investigated to see what needs to be done or just let it fold if no-one has any good ideas.

Manny thanks Martin Smith in his position as Vice Rep for the last 3 years for all his hard work as he is now standing down from this position.

Meeting closed.