



## Leeds MAG AGM 12th February 2019

### 1. Present

Richard Manny Manton, Kate Williams, Sally Johnson, Chris Pursey, Zoe Thompson, Martin Thompson, Chris Wallis, Andy McFarlane, Linz Foody, Andy Foody, , Mike Jordan, Annalay Power, Bob Hawkins, Marcus Houlden, Jeff Linwood, Gavin Weiner, Louis Maven, Keith Maven, Ian Mumford ,Mark Whitford, Gary Scheres, Ian Carrington

RM opened the meeting and introduced Andy Foody as the Observer.

### 2. Officers' Reports

#### Group Report – Events attended 2018

January - AGM

February - Fred Hill Run,

March – Elspeth Beard Talk

April - Easter Egg run, Daft Way Up

May - Marshalling at Into The Valley

June - Marshalling at Farmyard Party, Toyah & The Erics, Faro rally

July - Leeds MAG 2nd Yorkshire Day

August – Marshalling at Yorkshire Pudding,

September – AGC Wales

October - Leeds MAG Bad Taste Party, An Evening with Ian Mutch

November – Wakefield MAG's annual bikers quiz – Leeds MAG taking 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place

December – Toy Run to Lineham Farm, Evening Out to see Ross Noble, Xmas Meal

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. We were the second highest donating group in Yorkshire for the third 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've been doing the Yorkshire Rep role alongside the role Leeds Rep for just over a year now and this seems to be working ok.

Socially things are ok (that's the easy and fun bit) but it is massively frustrating when we organise a 'do' and attendance is crap! It would be great to have supporters make an effort to join in. We have 170ish members and 600ish supporters on Facebook so this shouldn't be an issue, but it is.

It's also frustrating to see bikers turning up at events en masse and sharing events put on by MC's and MCC's in droves while MAG events are lightly supported even though our work helps all bikers. Again, this shouldn't be an issue but it is.

The MCC's have been decimated this year with disbandment and internal strife which is a shame but it would be great if MAG could fill this void. Ideas of how to encourage this are welcomed.

Last year I stated that I needed help with the political side of things and that if help wasn't forthcoming, I wouldn't be standing next again next year. That help wasn't forthcoming, to the point that Steve Bolton has been in contact with Leeds City Council on our behalf even though he lives in Huddersfield. This is a personal embarrassment to me as we should have the ability to manage our own affairs without outside help.

I said last year that I'd like to get the Leeds MAG committee a bit more involved in decisions, so I suggested 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 managed two of these which was great.

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

We've had quite a bit of success with the WYCC and four parts of the five point plan have been adopted but we're still having to batter away with bikes in bus lanes, especially in Leeds.

Here's to a fun and productive 2019

#### **Martin Thompson (vice rep)**

An easy job with Manny's help. Covered meetings events where necessary, nice to see we have a good core of people who always help, but we need more to get involved, every little helps, even little things - eg distribute posters, bums on seats etc

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

The events all made money, but need to concentrate on the key 'money makers', stop spreading ourselves too thinly on poorly attended events. Summary of all donations - £5K was donated from East Leeds Lions, Leeds MAG £1730 donated to Yorkshire MAG separately. The question was asked should we consider getting someone to verify the accounts in the same way that Wakefield MAG do? Alternative is to present the accounts and bank statements at the AGM if anyone wishes to examine them - will consider options to circulate accounts. Vote taken that everyone was happy with current

banking procedures. £600 in the bank at the moment. Accounts Oct to Oct each to tie in with Yorkshire AGM. Each Yorkshire Group putting £400 aside to cover contribution to AGC in Yorkshire in 2019.

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

Keith advised he continues to report back on what is happening at MAP meetings - all have been run successfully. Happy to continue to run with this. 2019 events are all on track. Will report back on anything necessary at meetings going forward.

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

Taken over as Yorkshire MAG webmaster - all sites now have 'Google Calendar' and a combined calendar. Make sure events don't clash and all aware of each other's events. Leeds MAG newsletter is going onto the website so everyone can see - not everyone is on FB - so gets to a wider audience. Need to update dealers list.

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

Passed my test 5 years ago - not really a 'new rider' anymore. Looking at transport strategy and licencing - all on hold at the moment with Brexit - need to wait and see what the implications are for bikes going forward to form new strategies.

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

Absent from Meeting - sent report to Manny -which said - due to demise and infighting - not much happening with club liaison, mainly on FB - in current climate not really a necessary role - most are being disbanded or simply have FB pages. Looking at a change of role instead in the future as still wants to be involved in Committee. General conversation about trying to get more Groups in North Yorkshire. Consider general meetings in various areas -' come and meet MAG'.

### **Steve Corbridge (Political officer)**

Absent from meeting but sent a message saying 'I've been crap this year' he told Manny and hasn't had any involvement. Stepping down this year.

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

Absent from meeting – report provided - I can't say I've had my media liaison services called on much this year - I tried to drum up some interest for a couple of things, including Daft Way Up at the start of the year but fear I failed miserably! I did manage to pull together the brief taster video of DWUp which hopefully is still providing some publicity for the cause. The full 60 (?) Minute version is still a work in progress, I'm afraid. If you want me to stand again I'm happy to do so.

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

Continuing to help Manny in my role which involves sending all the Leeds MAG email correspondence and mail shots to current members, less involvement now with monitoring of member lists (new and lapsed) due to GDPR restrictions on access to these.

### **Zoe Thompson/ Gavin Weiner - Events Promotions Secretary**

Changed structure on FB now from Leeds MAG page - more info on what's happening. Gavin sharing far and wide and getting the message across. Elspeth Beard - 90% heard of this via FB - so definitely the future via social media. Still need to look at Page and Group and what goes on what.

#### 4. Goals and Missions

- 1) Continue to achieve bikes in bus lanes throughout West Yorkshire and liaise with councils.
2. 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 to attend in 2019

Owl with Laughter Comedy Night 22 January  
Fred Hill Run – 10 February  
An evening with Ed March – 23 March  
Easter Egg Run – date to be confirmed  
Yorkshire Pudding Rally – 3, 4, 5, May  
Farmyard Party 21, 22, 23 June  
Barton Bike Day/Night 13 – July  
Yorkshire Pudding Rally 2, 3, 4, August  
MAG AGC here in Yorkshire – 28 September

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 Gavin Weiner seconded Martin Thompson vote: unanimous

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

Martin Thompson, proposed Gavin Weiner seconded Zoe Thompson vote: unanimous

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

Kate Williams, proposed Chris Pursey, seconded Keith Maven.vote: unanimous

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

Keith Maven, proposed Gavin Weiner, seconded Richard Manton vote: unanimous

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

Marcus Houlden, proposed Martin Thompson, seconded Mike Jordan.vote: unanimous

##### ***Leeds MAG Entertainment Officer***

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

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

Marcus Houlden, proposed Zoe Thompson seconded Chris Pursey, vote: unanimous

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

John Nettleship, proposed Kate Williams seconded Chris Pursey vote: unanimous

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

Sally Johnson, proposed Richard Manton, seconded Martin Thompson vote: unanimous

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

Zoe Thompson/ Gavin Weiner jointly, proposed Andy McFarlane seconded Martin Thompson  
vote: unanimous

***Dealer Liaison*** (new role) - Bob Hawkins - proposed Richard Manton, seconded Gavin Weiner  
vote: unanimous

**7. Any other Business**

a) Andy Foody - looking to change 'Yorkshire MAG' logo on the back of sweatshirt/ t-shirts etc – current logo is the 'Big Brother' one. Would there be any interest. Consider a FB poll with suggested new logos and let people vote.

b) Getting more FB interaction – look at the possibility of 'feature days' – eg 'post a pick of your bike' etc and get on a calendar or headed page for the month - to drum up interest. Ride outs etc - need to generate more interest. Targeting certain times of day can have better impact.

Meeting closed.