**YORKSHIRE MAG AGM – SQUIRES CAFÉ BAR 10/08/2022**

**Minutes**

**Meeting started 19.10**

1. Introduction of official observer – Neil Liversage
2. Apologies for absence – Tom Lonsdale
3. Appointment of chair – Neil Liversage
4. Appointment of minute taker - Glennys Scrivener
5. Reginal Officers Reports

**Yorkshire regional rep report- Manny**

After stepping down at the last AGM I decided to re stand as Yorkshire RR due to the fact that myself, fellow reps and more importantly members were getting no information fed back from both the NC and MAG in general.

The main reason I stood as Regional Rep in the first place was that I felt it imperative that MAG members should be informed about goings on over and above the bi monthly magazine and when both the region was without a Rep and no information was getting passed back to allow local reps to cascade information down, I felt duty bound to step up again.

To this end I’ve compiled five newsletters with sporadic help from the local reps to help keep members informed of happenings.

I’ve only managed to attend one NC meeting in the seven months I’ve been back in position and have also failed to attend other groups meetings due to work commitments and unfortunately this is the reason that I’m having to step down from my role as Yorkshire MAG regional rep.

I’d like to put on record my thanks to everyone who supported me during my tenure.

I sincerely hope that Yorkshire MAG can elect a full and strong committee to drive the group forward.

**Vice regional rep report- vacant**

**Yorkshire Political Rep- Tom Lonsdale**

Since accepting the principle of extending my role in Huddersfield to cover the rest of Yorkshire, in the absence of other candidates for the regional role, I do not yet feel that I am doing justice to the task. This is partly attributable to the hiatus in meetings at County level for me to attend owing to Covid, which will hopefully change over the next year.

I have however tried to contribute to online discussions where possible and responded to the Your Voice consultations that seem to be proliferating in the light of attempts to accommodate improved pedestrian and cycling facilities. (See https:// www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk) On the whole these schemes rob us of carriageway space in which to filter past congested traffic but it is difficult to argue against the fundamental merits of active travel and safety for those doing it. The one opportunity it is throwing up though is new bus lanes, provided we are granted access to them. I have made this point on at least three separate schemes, for instance the A61 (https:// www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/a61-travel) and A639 (https:// www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/a639-travel) projects. I have a response from Kirsty Atkinson, Consultation & Engagement Officer (TCF), West Yorkshire Combined Authority / Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP). She cites the A65 (Kirkstall Lane) trial as the determinant: at the end of the trial results will be analysed and conclusions used to influence changes to existing routes as well as all of these new ones (assuming they do come into being). We hold our breath therefore but the latest email I have received does contain quite a key statement, as follows: “In general we will give consideration to allowing PTW in all bus lanes and will only exclude them if there is some specific requirement such as specific safety risks or where a bus lane acts as a “bus gate” to exclude all other motorised vehicles.”

Meanwhile Calderdale has completed its formal implementation and signage of all its existing bus lanes and will permit PTW in all of these and any future ones. I have to repeatedly remind Councils to maintain good signage on the dreaded central refuge islands. Almost all internally illuminated keepleft bollards have now failed and most been replaced with reflective signs - not as good as a functioning illuminated one but far better than one where the light has failed. It is helpful for members to keep me posted on any dangerous situations so that I can follow up.

My final comment is to ask the meeting to express a vote of thanks to Ian Turner, the Road Safety Officer for Calderdale Council, who consistently supports us in every way imaginable and is the model of how a local authority ought to liaise with a group such as MAG.

**Regional/Events Secretary- vacant**

**Web/Social media officer- Marcus Holden**

Social media & web are very quiet. The Yorkshire MAG Facebook page is just for meetings and announcements.

I have set up a Facebook page for North Yorkshire MAG

The website for Yorkshire MAG is very static I only post newsletters onto it.

**Treasurer – Gary Timms**

The bank balance is currently £5749.00

Donations as follows this year include :-

£2500 Wakefield MAG

£1100 Huddersfield MAG

The following donations were made to Gary at the meeting :-

£1500 Leeds& Bradford MAG

£1500 Yorkshire Products

**New Balance £ 8749.00**

**Donation to Central £7500**

Proposed – Manny

Seconded- Martin

South Yorkshire will transfer £350

**Press & Media- John Nettleship –** no report

Note from Neil

Glennys Scrivener was thanked for sending an email regarding a post that she had seen from Essex Police on Facebook regarding “dangerous filtering” this resulted in a letter being sent to the Chief Constable and the post was subsequently removed. Neil pointed out that we can’t always action everything that comes into Central as some come from non members asking for help with this and that but things like filtering we will support and take action.

1. Branch Reps annual reports

**East Yorkshire MAG rep report**

Following a bit of a fall off following the pandemic, meeting attendance has picked up with regularly 15+ people attending the twice monthly meetings, with 22 coming to the most recent one. Facebook group numbers are up to around 1,800, but it is noticed, unless it is to do with rallies, post reach numbers are typically only in 200 to 400 region indicating the majority of group members don’t engage. For my part, I try and keep members updated with the circulation of our meeting minutes and any other updates via email, and try and reach out to the further biking population through Facebook and by regularly updating the MAG notice board at Seaways café.

The biggest immediate issue facing East Yorkshire and all our branch areas is bike theft and associated crime. Over the past couple of months, I've written to Humberside Police to try and determine if Operation Yellowfin is still active and where bike crime sits in force priorities. Following little joy, I wrote to the local Police and Crimes Commissioner who replied saying it was an operational matter and he would refer my enquiry to the Chief Constable to respond, which is still awaited.

After 3 years of trying and 27 emails to Hull City Council, we finally got a couple of security posts in the motorbike parking bays at Paragon Street in Hull City Centre. The bays had previously been covered by MAG funded rails from the 90's which were removed during the 2017 city realm improvement works. Whilst the posts are not perfect, it was disappointing to see some critical response to my posting of the news on Facebook. I responded with an open invite to attend our next meeting with a view to discussing and planning any further action, but no one was that bothered to take up the invite (or write to the council themselves). Taking the positives, I have seen the posts in use when in Hull city centre and there is a lot of alternative free bike parking in Hull, some of the on street bays still covered by the MAG rails.

Looking back on other branch activity during the year:

The Spat Out Of Hull rally was held for the first time at Breighton Ferry last September. As with the previous venue at Leven, there was little set up, minimal marshal requirement and no financial risk. The weekend was a great success, and allowed the branch to make a donation to MAG of £2,000. We return here on 14th to 16th September and are expecting the 300 tickets to sell out quickly, if they haven't already.

Another success was the usual Halloween party night at the Foresters which raised £158.

After missing out in 2021, the return of our Fred Hill run in February attracted 51 bikes and trikes. Setting off from the new location of the Grandale pub in Hull, the ride took in a return crossing of the Humber Bridge to mark the 10th anniversary of the MAG success in getting tolls scrapped for bikes. Back at our home base of the Foresters pub, hot drinks, hot dogs and soup was served up raising £100 for MAG.

Later that evening, we held a Post Xmas Blues party at the Foresters with a live band and a further £120 raised thanks to Ron Gillard’s powers of persuasion from the raffling off of a bottle kindly donated by the Foresters.

We did not hold an Easter Egg run this year as there was already two big runs in planned in Hull. We still hosted the traditional Easter MAGness party on Easter Saturday, with a Def Leppard tribute band which wasn't particularly well supported and with the night being blighted by a number of other issues, the evening unusually resulted in a loss for the branch.

Our only outing for the stand this year is our annual visit to the Hornsea Bike Event this coming Sunday, 14th August. Our treasurer, Ron recently organised a meeting with the owner of the newly opened Ernie B's biker cafe (formally the Beechwood cafe) between Market Weighton and Holme Upon Spalding Moor. The owner has said he wanted to support MAG, and is planning to hold fund raising events at the venue as it gets established which will hopefully provide us with more opportunity to take the stand out, in addition to another venue to poster and leaflet.

Garry Williams

**Huddersfield MAG rep report**

Huddersfield MAG continues to meet each week at The Field Head and we are looking forward to our 30th birthday next year and we are in the process of deciding how we celebrate this occasion so keep an eye out on social media and emails next year.

Back in December we lost a valued member of Huddersfield MAG, Mark Oggley- aka Moggs and we had the privilege of escorting his final ride in January, Huddersfield MAG did him proud.

We have been able to go back to holding our famous food nights and even managed a new version and tried Spicy Night all of which continue to be well supported. We still have a few tickets left for our Pie Night next week so if you want to come please see me as soon as you can as we have a cap on the number of tickets we can sell.

Our Top Box sale is also going from strength to strength and we even took it on tour to South Yorkshire who incorporated with a bbq and a band, thanks Stuart. If anyone else wants to host the Top Box sale please let us know.

We also held our Easter Egg raffle and hopefully everyone who won managed to get their eggs

The show season was fairly quiet last year but we attended The friends of Tolson Museum Motorbike show back in September along with this year Elland Carnival and we have been again invited to the Tolson show.

It was asked as to why we are called Huddersfield Mag when we cover HD & HX postcodes, for those not familiar with our area that is Huddersfield, Brighouse, Halifax and parts of Calderdale. We sent out a survey to canvas all our MAG members who had a valid email address and once the results were compiled and further discussion we have decided to leave the name of our group unchanged for the time being.

Special thanks to Linz Foody who stood down as Huddersfield MAG Rep a role which she held since 2014 and a committee member since 2010. Huddersfield MAG would not be where it is now with out all the hard work that you put in.

We are also sorry to hear that Manny is stepping down as Yorkshire regional Rep and we again thank him for everything that he has done, it has been a thankless task at times and he has keep the views of region at the forefront of the National Committee.

Glennys Scrivener

**Leeds and Bradford MAG rep report**

I was re-elected for the thirteenth time in January as Leeds and Bradford MAG rep.

After a few resignations last year from the committee due to disagreements with the direction of MAG, we managed to re-elect a full committee which has so far worked well.

The meetings are held twice monthly and continue to attract a hardcore of between 10 and 20 members and recently quite a few new or retuning faces, which is always nice.

There still seems to be a bit of a knock on with Covid as both LCC and BCC insist on remote meetings, of which I can’t stand.

To this end I must thank Marcus Houlden for his tenacity in helping to push the Leeds motorcycle bus lane access trial to a successful launch, a mere ten years since we started meeting LCC to discuss getting access to the miles of bus lanes that criss cross the city.

We are all hoping for a successful outcome and a city wide roll out on its conclusion, bringing Leeds City Council into line with four of the five other West Yorkshire councils who allow some level of bus lane access and also into line with the WYCA 20 year transport strategy.

Socially it’s been quiet as I’ve been very busy with my new job after being made redundant whilst on holiday in Texas but we’ve worked at all the Yorkshire MAG rallies en masse and a couple of other MAG rallies as punters plus a couple of ride outs.

We had to cancel the Sam Manicom talk, here at Squires, at short notice due to slow sales probably due to Covid.

Taking into account the limited events this year I’m pleased to present to Yorkshire MAG a donation from Leeds and Bradford MAG of £1500.

As with the Yorkshire rep role, my new job, though very rewarding is also impinging on my time and will do even more from October as I’ll be working every other weekend but also the strict security nature of the job means no access to the internet whilst working, so no emailing or organising MAG things in works time and no access to a photocopier for MAG use any more.

This has brought me to the conclusion that at the next Leeds and Bradford MAG AGM I’ll be stepping down to let someone else take the reins of the group and hopefully take it to the next level.

As a MAG life member I will continue to support the MAG on every level, just not as a rep.

Manny

**Wakefield MAG Reps Report**

Held a number of events and activities:

Bingo night, which raised a total of £127 (clear profit after deducting all the prizes), all of which goes into the MAG Fighting Fund

Remembrance Sunday service in Wakefield then onto Mirfield to take part in their parade with the RBLR

16th Wakefield MAG Biker Quiz Nite, won again by Leeds MAG

Christmas Do (Christmas Dinner at the Thatched House)

Held a Christmas Raffle (17 prizes including the top prize which was a luxury Christmas Hamper). Raffle made a hefty profit of £221, all of which goes to the MAG fighting Fund

Wakefield MAG 20th Annual General Meeting – Steve is now in his 20th year as Wakefield MAG Rep

Wakefield MAG Post Christmas Auction - Auction raised £339. We always run the auction so that the proceeds are split 2/3 to MAG and 1/3 to Charitable Causes. We took a vote to round the charity donation up to £120 (with £7 from branch funds), so the MAG Fighting Fund gets £226 (2/3 of the proceeds), and the remaining 1/3 (£120), is split equally between: Yorkshire Air Ambulance (Registered Charity: 1084305) - £60 National Association for Bikers with a Disability (Registered Charity No. 1040907) - £60

2022 Wakefield Hospice 10k Road Race (Wakefield MAG providing Mobile Race Marshals)

Easter Egg Collection (in aid of Wakefield based Charity Kidzaware)

Members attended and marshalled at Into The Valley Rally 2022

Wakefield MAG Bike Show at the Wakefield Gala – a welcome return for our popular bike show. The MAG stand did very well and we gave out huge amounts of literature and back copies of the Road magazine, fielded countless queries, sold a few Wakefield MAG products and could have sold a few Rally tickets had we remembered to bring them ... DOH !!!. The tombola was particularly successful pulling in £134.17, all of which goes towards the MAG fighting fund. Seperately, product sales raised a further £7.50. Not bad for a days work.

Members attended and marshalled at Farmyard Party Rally 2022

Evening rideout to Sheffield Speedway (Sheffield Tigers vs Peterborough Panthers)

Attended the South Yorkshire and Huddersfield MAG Market Top Box Sale

Held a number of monthly Social Nights, with various activities including quizzes, pool and darts competitions

Members attended and marshalled at Yorkshire Pudding Rally 2022

Politically, members have been kept up to date via the newsletters and encouraged to complete consultations, surveys, lobby MP's etc.

We have recently made a donation of £2,500 to the Yorkshire Region.

Meetings are now back to around 10-15 attendees each week, which is good as immediately post covid lockdown we were only getting half a dozen at each meeting.

We have some cracking events to look forward to (all invited):

Bingo - Eyes down for another session of Bingo - how Rock and Roll are we ;-) - 20:00 on Tuesday 25th October at the Thatched House

Remembrance Sunday – Attending the City of Wakefield Remembrance Sunday service, followed by the Mirfield Remembrance Sunday Parade, alongside the Royal British Legion Riders (RBLR) where bikes head up the parade. 13th November

Biker Quiz Nite - 60 questions, 30 of which will be motorcycle related and 30 will be general knowledge (but there will be a bike related link / theme somewhere, however tenuous). The quiz is hotly contested throughout Yorkshire (although Leeds MAG invariably win). Open to All. £1 entry fee p.p. Team (Max. 5) or individual entry. Great prizes for the winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd), plus booby prize for the least number of correct answers. All proceeds to the MAG Fighting Fund - 20:00 on Tuesday 29th November at the Thatched House

Christmas Do - A Christmas Meal, proceeded and followed by several goblets of foaming ale, at the Thatched House - Saturday 3rd December

Christmas Hamper Draw - Tuesday 13th December

Wakefield Branch 20th AGM – Tuesday 17th January – The branch will be 21 years old !!!!

Post Christmas Auction - Got lots of unwanted Christmas presents ? Got items that are of use/value but you don't have the space for them any more ? Prepared to donate them for a good cause ? Bring them along to the Wakefield MAG 'Post Christmas Auction' where they will be raffled off to the highest bidder, with all the proceeds being donated to MAG and other worthy causes. We are returning to our usual January slot so this event will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2023

Steve Travis

**South Yorkshire MAG rep report**

It has been quite a year for South Yorkshire , we now have a second city in Doncaster and said city opening all bus lanes makes both cities open. Just before Xmas our political rep met with Claire Mercer who runs the smart motorways kill campaign which lead to her addressing our group , we were all impressed with her passion and thus came out in support of her campaign, this lead to her being offered free space at mag rallies but due to logistics and recent illness she was unable to attend this year .

We recently hosted Huddersfield mag top box sale at the market Hotel, Claire discharged herself from hospital to attend where she sold merchandise and spoke to people about the campaign, we raised £100 for her and she made same in sales so came out with £200 ,unfortunately she was back in hospital for pudding, SY MAG put on a BBQ and after an outlay of £230 we made £ 30 profit selling £260 worth of burgers, Gary Manterfield the pub owner paid for a band and supplied us with trooper beer . We are very grateful to Gary , his daughter Lisa and the staff as well as locals at the market for their support , it’s safe to say we as a group have become locals too.

We are looking to plan a similar event for next year as it did attract a lot of interest.

As we have quite a good few burgers left in the freezer we will be doing a burger night at our bike night on Thursday, we have also been asked to do burgers at the market on Sunday 28th of August from 3 pm onwards as the pub has a rock band playing , rock cafe, from 4 pm so pop in have a beer and burger, all money made on BBQ will come to South Yorkshire MAG

As finances go, we are in a position to make a donation from the bank account of 350 quid which Oliver will transfer over.

Going forwards we will be continuing our Thursday bike nights as they are popular and get support from local clubs and independents , business meetings on a Sunday evening one a month, subject to change as I may be changing JOBS and will have to fit’s them round my shifts, ride outs with a bit of background history and picnic will continue with one planned for this Sunday.

Stuart Hadfield

SY Rep

**York MAG report**

Hi everyone it’s good to see you again

Our branch has got bigger compared to last time we were here. I think were at about a dozen. This December it'll be two years this edition of York MAG has been active. Hopefully in the near future once we've conquered York we will move onto North Yorkshire.

**Political report**

Since we last met we've had a face-face meeting with City of York Council. We met with Cllr Andy D'agorne - executive member of transport and leader of the York Green party, CO Graeme Ticthener - Head of parking services and a member of the BPA committee, And Dave Atkinson - head of programs + smart place. In this meeting we asked CYC 4 main points,

* to improve motorcycle security in the council owned carparks,
* to rectify the bus gates/traffic signals that don't recognise motorcycles and to amend bus lanes that are missing motorcycles in their signage,
* their current stance on a ULEZ and what it meant for motorcycles
* and if E-M gain popularity what dedicated infrastructure will be installed.

I assume the majority of this room are aware that York has access to all bus lanes and gates. We feel we are very fortunate as this fees up our time.

So, back to the first point on motorcycle security. Our most recent activity, we've been in talks with the Head of Parking services in York which has resulted in Dan and I within the last couple of weeks visiting the council carparks, measuring up the allocated spaces, taking photos for where we'd like security fitting and which bays we recommend need reconfiguring.

Second, the bus gates and traffic signals issue is an ongoing debate and local bikers have pointed out recently that some signage has been changed.

Third, a ULEZ. CYC admitted that they are actively trying to make crossing the city by car as awkward as possible by imposing one way systems and blocking 'rat runs' to try encourage public transport use, cycling or walking. This is down to some of York’s inner infrastructure having above legal levels of pollution. We asked was this in preparation for a ULEZ and what is their stance on motorcycles contributing to cutting congestion and emissions. They recognised that motorcycles being not totally green will help combat congestion and pollution. Hopefully they act on this. They informed us that York is too small for a ULEZ but already has a CAZ that is unannounced but only affects Busses, HGVs, then went on to say not to worry about motorcycles in these plans and mentioned that the blockades imposed are passable by motorcycle.

The last point E-M infrastructure, they responded with E-M's will have to share with cars. If E-M gain popularity, since MAG represents all motorcycles we will reopen this topic if necessary.

**Social report**

As most of you are aware we host Slaughtered in Cropton rally. This year was our second year. We just about tripled our head count from the previous year which at 35ppl doesn't sound like much but we were happy and so were those that attended. Next year we have been permitted music in the pub which hopefully should boost numbers.

We recently hosted a bike showcase at our local cafe. We are hosting another two weeks on Friday 5-8 at Strawberry Fields cafe which some of you may have seen but with improvements. The cafe are offering a hog roast. We have invited the YAA, NYA bikes from Wakefield, WK blood bikes and a local CMD charity. We haven't got a stall of our own yet unfortunately

We host a monthly ride out too on the first Sunday of each month.

**Finances**

We are struggling to generate cash. We currently have £180 in total in the kitty. Hopefully after our next showcase and thanks to some ideas from a few of you we should make some cash. This is something we need to hone.

Thanks,

Richard Suddaby

York MAG Rep

1. Nominations & Elections of Regional Offices

**Yorkshire Regional Rep – Steve Travis**

Proposed Pete Walker

Seconded Glennys Scrivener

**Yorkshire Vice Rep** **– Martin Burgess**

Proposed Steve Travis

Seconded Pete Walker

**Yorkshire Political Rep – Tom Lonsdale**

Proposed Glennys Scrivener

Seconded Pete Walker

**Yorkshire Secretary – Marcus Holden**

Proposed Mike Hudd

Seconded Mark Scrivener

**Web/Media Officer – Marcus Holden**

Proposed Manny Manton

Seconded Keith Maven

**Treasurer – Garry Tims**

Proposed Adrian Lumby

Seconded Ian Hill

**Press & Media Officer – John Nettleship**

Proposed Oliver Rose

SecondedPete Walker

1. Tony Berry Memorial Award – Presented to Richard Manny Manton

Manny thanked everyone for the award & wondered why any none of the reps hadn’t bothered to put anyone forward !! He said he was proud to accept the award especially as Tony Berry was an ex Leeds Rep

1. Any Other Business

Nothing from anyone- the meeting closed promptly at 20.00 !! with Neil thanking everyone for attending.