

Yorkshire MAG Regional Meeting
11:00-13:00 12th March 2023, Brighton Ferry

Present (19)

Steve Travis – Wakefield
 Marcus Houlden – Leeds & Bradford
 SallyAnne Slater – Huddersfield
 Tom Lonsdale – Huddersfield
 Ron Organ – Huddersfield
 Richard Suddaby – York
 Patrick Meagher – York
 Chris Chapman – York
 Kevin Winship – York
 Oliver Rose – South Yorkshire
 Garry Timms – South Yorkshire
 Sharon Hannington – East Yorkshire
 Jill Laverack – East Yorkshire
 Garry Williams – East Yorkshire
 Derek Isgate – East Yorkshire
 Stuart Hatfield – South Yorkshire
 Adrian Lumby – South Yorkshire
 Craig Hawksworth – South Yorkshire
 Mike Jordan – Leeds & Bradford

Apologies (2)

Martin Burgess, John Nettleship

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1.	Welcomes and Apologies	
2	Minutes of the Last Region Meeting (held at Thatched House, Wakefield on 17 th October) - agreement required as a true and correct record by all present.	
3.	<p>Regional Reps Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent a ‘Call to Action’ email to Yorkshire membership asking them to contact their MP’s to support overturning the ICE ban – successful given the region stats (see Operation Earthquake Region Update below) • Attended five group AGM's within the Yorkshire Region: Huddersfield EGM (Wed 26th Oct), Wakefield (17th Jan), York (29th Jan), Leeds & Bradford (16th Feb) and South Yorkshire (19th Feb). Unfortunately, Leeds and Bradford MAG have not been able to replace their old rep Richard Manton, who has stepped down due to work pressures. There was discussion about the future and whether to close the branch account, but they have decided to continue to meet as a social group of friends and keep the account active as they do have an elected treasurer. They also still have an elected political officer to maintain dialogue with Leeds City Council (who are notoriously anti-bike). In my 21 	

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	<p>years of being active in Yorkshire MAG, Leeds has always been a leading strong group within the region, so it's a shame the group is unable (temporarily hopefully) to continue as an 'active' MAG group. We all need to support LBM to get them through this difficult period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Leeds MAG Fred Hill Memorial Run on Sunday 5th, one of 3 Fred Hill runs hosted in the region (others hosted by York and East Yorkshire MAG). • Commenting on NC list where required – not been any votes recently • Sent out a Regional Newsletter for Q1 23 (March) to the Yorkshire members email list (mag-yorkshire-region-list@mag-uk.org); • Myself and Martin (VR) are planning to attend at least one of every branches business meetings over the course of the year (in addition to AGM's as mentioned above) – will give lots of notice !! • Looking forward to Huddersfield's forthcoming pie night on Wednesday 22nd March 	
4.	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>Vice Rep - Martin Burgess</p> <p>Political Rep - Tom Lonsdale</p> <p>Secretary - Marcus Houlden Not much to report. Following the approval of minutes from October 2022 they will be uploaded to the Yorkshire MAG website.</p> <p>Social Media / Website - Marcus Houlden Most social media is handled by local groups. The Yorkshire MAG website is kept reasonably up to date including local contact details.</p> <p>Treasurer - Gary Timms</p> <p>Press / Media - John Nettleship</p>	
5	<p>Local Reps Reports</p> <p>East Yorkshire – Garry Williams See March Yorkshire Newsletter</p> <p>Huddersfield – SallyAnne Slater See March Yorkshire Newsletter. Huddersfield MAG presented Yorkshire Region with a cheque for £500 collected from fundraising events</p> <p>Leeds & Bradford – Keith Maven (interim contact) See March Yorkshire Newsletter</p>	

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	<p>South Yorkshire – Stuart Hatfield See March Yorkshire Newsletter. We have agreed a date for our top box sale it will be on Saturday 22 July we are busy arranging other attendees. Claire of Smart Motorways Kill will be attending and by request of members I'm looking for a Ska band</p> <p>Wakefield – Steve Travis See March Yorkshire Newsletter</p> <p>York – Richard Suddaby See March Yorkshire Newsletter</p>	
6	<p>NC Meeting Saturday 25th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wasn't able to attend as I had a clash (apologies sent) • Yorkshire Report submitted (see attached) • NC meeting actually poorly attended so for the foreseeable future the board and NC meetings will be merged to ensure the decision-making is as representative as possible of MAG nationally (board meetings traditionally on a Friday evening and NC Saturday afternoon) – this will also be cheaper as overnight accommodation wont be required. • I've raised the issue of missing NC minutes: It's not a case of NC minutes not having been taken, as at each successive meeting NC minutes from the previous meeting have been circulated prior to the meeting and approved at the meeting by the NC so there are copies out there in the email archive. The office has had staffing issues and the bottom line is that the NC itself is under-staffed (check out the RR vacancies around the country). Neil has been taking minutes as well as chairing NC meetings which is far from ideal. Through overwork and under resourcing, things have slipped a little and the NC minutes haven't been updated on the website (Julie isn't on the NC list, so unless she is sent them directly, will not have them to update the website with). I now have NC minutes from 21st Nov 2021, 5th Feb 2022 & 2nd July 2022. More are on their way pending updates. Julie at Central has tried to upload these to the website already but has encountered some problems with the upload which will need to be resolved. Going forward I have volunteered to take NC minutes myself so this issue should now be sorted. • Suggestion made that the minutes could be published in the Open Road (MJ's classic car club do this in their membership magazine), or emailed to each RR for onward distribution. 	
7.	<p>Operation Earthquake Region Update</p> <p>To date, the following Yorkshire MP's have been contacted:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jason McCartney MP, Colne Valley. Cons. 2. Barry Sheerman MP, Huddersfield. Lab 3. Julian Smith MP, Skipton and Ripon. Cons. 4. Kevin Hollinrake MP, Thirsk & Malton. Con. 5. Julian Sturdy MP, York Outer. Con. 6. Rachael Maskell MP, York Central. Lab. 7. Nigel Adams MP, Selby. Con. 8. Jacob Young MP, Redcar. Con. 9. Robert Goodwill MP, Scarborough + Ryedale. Con. 10. Andrea Jenkins MP, Morley and Outwood. Cons. 11. Jon Trickett MP, Hemsworth. Lab. 12. Yvette Cooper, Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford. Lab. 13. Simon Lightwood MP, Wakefield. Lab. 14. Alec Shelbrooke MP, Elmet and Rothwell. Con. 15. Rachel Reeves MP, Leeds West. Lab. 16. Dan Jarvis MP, Barnsley Central. Lab. 17. Ed Milliband MP, Doncaster North. Lab 18. Mark Eastwood MP, Dewsbury. Con. <p>There are 55 MP's in Yorkshire so 18 MP's contacted represents 33%. Nationally, the figure isn't so good - 46 MP's nationally have been contacted out of 650 MP's within all the United Kingdom constituencies – a mere 7% !!!</p> <p>A huge thank you to the Yorkshire MAG members who have written to their MP's as 39% of all UK MP's contacted has been done by Yorkshire MAG members.</p> <p>However, we really need 100% coverage as otherwise, it looks like only a small proportion of the electorate (7%) oppose the ban, so by inference, 93% are quite happy to have the ability to choose a new ICE powered motorcycle forcibly removed from them, starting in just 7 years time.</p> <p>Remember, you don't have to send the template as is – alter the text to add your own angle (I did), the important bit is to ask them to support overturning the ban, or kick it into the long grass to allow other environmentally friendly and sustainable developing and emerging technologies to be introduced, driven by market forces and consumer demand, not unrealistic government diktats. BEV's have their place in the transport mix, but should be exactly that, part of the mix, not the only 'forced' option.</p> <p>In private and 'off-the-record' a good many MP's and ministers admit that Net Zero is a vanity exercise that will be impossible to implement, and not achieve it's stated objectives, but to admit this in public would be 'political suicide' so they toe the party line.</p>	

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	<p>However, the tide is turning and the public are slowly realising the colossal cost of net zero for very limited environmental benefit.</p> <p>The meeting then held a wide-ranging discussion was held covering tone, aims and objectives, and working with other groups.</p>	
8.	<p>MAG's 50th Anniversary</p> <p>Any ideas / appetite for a Regional event to celebrate MAG's 50th Anniversary ?</p> <p>Alternative is given a good many local branches are planning events, we plug these throughout the region and make a vested effort to attend each others activities</p> <p>Thoughts ?</p> <p>Suggestion made that Yorkshire MAG rallies be used to promote MAG's 50th Birthday – ST to raise this at the MAP meeting; Raised, agreed in Principle but ST requested to raise with NC to see what kind of thing they would be thinking about and report back to MAP.</p> <p>MH suggested reusing Karen Clayton's designs as a patch for the local region.</p>	
9.	<p>Events</p> <p>Reminder to use the Yorkshire Calendar and MAG national website to advertise events – these are automatically included in the Open Road magazine then</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>RS suggested we need to agree a date for the 2023 Yorkshire Region AGM – Everyone agreed Squires was a good central venue for the AGM.</p> <p>Sharon Hannington raised concerns about disabled access at the Yorkshire Pudding rally. It was suggested to mention it at the MAP meeting that followed immediately after the Yorkshire MAG one. The meeting also also expressed our support for the principle of people with her sort of disability and biking background being recognised as a special case and not excluded from rallies in the sort of vehicle equipped for their disability</p>	
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting TBC</p>	