

## Basingstoke M.A.G. Minutes

17/02/2011



### Rep Keith:

### Emails:

### The power is in your hands!! - [No To Bike Parking Tax]

No long-winded diatribe as to our back-room campaigning, probing & investigating the perverse, and self-serving ways of the WCC inner-sanctum, just a very simple question.

### *Will you help us to help you?*

Don't get me wrong many of you have by:

1. joining us on rides;
2. the Wednesday clubs;
3. working behind the scenes digging out vital information;
4. donating generously to the legal fund...

In short working hard to contain this vile & unjustifiable tax so that the rest of the country doesn't get subjected to it. together we have achieved far more than any other lobby group (some might say too effectively, as the quarantining may well have induced apathy amongst those as yet impacted), but I ask you to take your example not from the apathetic but the inspirational souls that joined us last weekend such as a Father and Son who rode down from Ipswich, or the retired gentleman who came from North Wales.

Over 8000 people receive this mail but a number of you have done little more than follow this story as it unfolds. I congratulate you for showing an interest but I now urge you to become not just an observer but a part of the story. We have 4 weeks left and £7,000 left to raise, please join us on the stage and donate £10 or what ever you can afford.

I know times are hard and funds are tight but you need only look at the car parking charges in Westminster, which in the time this campaign has been running have increased from £3 to £5 an hour, to know that, if unopposed, times will only get harder as fees increase and the area affected grows. Then one day that £10 you could have given a few years ago starts to look like a very good investment when you're being fleeced maybe £1,000 a year for bike parking.

So please ask yourself -

1. do you really want to be paying to park your motorcycle, especially when we have demonstrated to you how that money goes directly to the private companies that collect & enforce the tax?
2. do you really want every council in country not only owning your credit card & vehicle's reg details (thereby knowing where you live), but thereafter selling those details to marketing companies for personal gain (that's why Gilchrist & Chalkley set up Westco Trading Ltd which pays bonuses to WCC staff outside the glare of public scrutiny - don't believe us, then answer this: why does a council, itself freely permitted to trade like any other business, need a separate private limited company?)
3. do you really want to become a victim of the councils' ever-increasingly oppressive parking enforcement regimes?
4. do you really think that this tax will remain at £1 per day?

So the main question - £7,000 now or a minimum of £93,000,000 (as calculated by the tax payers alliance should this tax become nationwide) each & every year from now on?

As many of you will know, when it comes to legal matters in court, the loser can get saddled with paying the winner's costs. I have made this my own personal contribution by taking the case in my name so that you, the donators, cannot be forced to donate more to WCC's costs should we lose. If that happens, I will be forced to pay them over £100,000 in costs - for which you will not be liable for anything. Surely, if nothing else, that should convince you to make that donation of £10 against mine of potentially £100,000

Finally, to the detractors who would argue that a parking charge is reasonable if additional space is now free, I would ask, at what price per day does it become unreasonable? In simple terms, once you agree the principle that bikes should pay to park, what is your argument against any council charging £10 an hour or what ever else they see fit? You have agreed the principle, they levied the charge.

Please don't let us all become victims through 2 of WCC's best weapons - apathy/lethargy & lack of funds!

Donate NOW to "Warren Djanogly - NTBPT" - Sort Code 40-02-35 - A/c no 11411047

As our ride-out on March 5th may well be our last, if ever there was a ride to be on, this is it. Meet at Ace Cafe London early enough to take refreshment prior to a 10.30am departure. [More details on the website.](#)

Warren

Dear all,

FEMA is being asked more and more about riders' views regarding new technologies typically referred to as Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). It goes without saying that MAG is in a similar position.

FEMA wants to develop its arguments and provide more detailed explanation for its positions and I think that MAG members would benefit this also.

Attached is FEMA's position paper on ITS which provides an overview of the issue (definitions, categorizations of systems and functions, and FEMA detailed positions).

Could you please have a look at it and come back to me with your comments, by the end of February please. Do ask around your local groups please can you email this ahead of and separate to your minutes to ensure members get to look at it.

Cheers



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Please, please forward this email to all your friends, work colleagues, family and everyone you know on Facebook and Twitter.

Even if you have not done this before, it could be the most important thing you can do to make a difference to everyone's lives in the UK

Today it was announced that the inflation rate has increased significantly. The Chancellor is committed to a 1p rise ON TOP OF inflation. The fuel duty rise planned for April and the surge in inflation means that the duty rise will be even worse than anticipated. The affect of this will be to add a potential 23p to a gallon of fuel in April (5p per litre).

This has to stop. Enough is enough! 30 million motorists have had their full of shouldering this increasing cost and tax burden

But, there is a way that you CAN make a difference? Moreover, it will take you less than a minute or two! Please email all your friends, work colleagues, family and everyone you know on Facebook and Twitter

Simply go to <http://www.fairfueluk.com> sign the on-line petition. What could be easier? Please tell everyone you know.

FairFuelUK, led by motoring campaigner Quentin Willson, will be taking the gathered signatures to 10 Downing Street on 2 March. So far, we have enough to fill nine sacks but we need more!

By adding YOUR name, we can make sure that the Prime Minister and the Chancellor are left in no doubt as to the huge injustice of the latest price hike proposals.

Please forward this to as many people as you can. With enough support, we CAN make a difference.

Don't forget to get a Car Sticker too, from the website...

Thanks again and very kind regards

Quentin Willson & the Fair Fuel UK Campaign Team

<http://www.fairfueluk.com>

## A.O.B.

**Colin:** With the Get a Grip campaign , has sent information to Hampshire County Council.

**Miller:** Does anyone want a ride out to The Ace Café. Details of date and time to be arranged soon. Please let Miller know if you would like to go.

**Cheryl:** Asked about the Bike Show. Meeting at the Royal Oak on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 8pm to sort out more details for the show. Anyone is welcome to come and help in organising the show.

**Keith:** 24<sup>th</sup> March Basingstoke MAG AGM.  
Next week is a NIBBLE night.

## 2011 Events

### March:

**Basingstoke MAG 2011 AGM.** 24<sup>th</sup> March, 8pm at the Royal Oak.

### April:

**Salisbury MAG** bike show is on 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Southampton MAG** bike show is on 15<sup>th</sup> April

**BASINGSTOKE MAG Easter party at the Royal Oak. 8pm. Band is called RIPSLID.**

**Reading MAG** Easter bike show is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April. at Reading Abbey Rugby Club.

### May.

**Basingstoke Festival of Transport, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** at The War Memorial Park.

**NABD Rally.** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May. Cheshire.

**Basingstoke MAG** ride out to Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth. 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### June:

**The Farm Yard Party,** 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June. Pre book £25 o/g £35.

**Basingstoke MAG 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Bike Show.** 18<sup>th</sup> June. At the small car park by The Royal Oak.

**Lion Rally.** 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June. Reading.

**3Bs Rally.** 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June. Bordon.

### July:

### August:

**The Bull Dog Bash.** 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> August.

**Popham Bike Show.** 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM.** 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.