

Basingstoke M.A.G.

Minutes

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Fair Fuel UK Campaign Post Budget Update:

The FairFuelUK Update from Quentin Willson

Thank you for signing the FairFuelUK campaign petition. You were one of the 140,000 that helped us force the scrapping of the 5p fuel duty rise and made George Osborne become the first Chancellor for a decade to reduce duty. **YOU MADE THAT HAPPEN.** Believe it or not, prices would have been 6p even more on the increasing levels we have been seeing since the Budget. So, while we managed to get the government's undivided attention to the Budget day, they have failed us since.

The miserable 1p reduction in duty was swallowed up overnight and proved that tinkering round the edges and making empty political gestures achieves nothing. In fact I'd say the government made themselves look very foolish during the budget. Fuel duty is out of control. All our dire warnings are coming true. The £1.50 litre of diesel is probably only weeks away and the IMF agree that rising crude oil prices are a serious threat to UK growth. £2.00 a litre for diesel could become a awful reality.

On the website www.fairfueluk.com we have outlined the next phase of the FairFuelUK Campaign. We intend to focus on these 3 long haul campaign objectives with your support.

1. Try to stop all further duty rises on fuel in this Parliament
2. Aim to achieve parity with Europe in terms of duty. We pay on average 24p more than our EU colleagues
3. Set up an effective fair fuel price stabiliser

With over 30 million drivers in the UK we can make a difference, a real difference. We can force the government to control duty and protect the economy. If each one of you contact at least ten of your friends, relatives and colleagues we'll have over a million signatures. And if they do the same too, we'll have several million more. Just imagine how insecure those MPs will feel with this much pressure on their constituency seats.

Our new plans are set out at www.fairfueluk.com. Fuel is cheap, its the tax duty that's villainously expensive. So contact as many people as you can and let's start multiplying those numbers. Only together can we make this absolute insanity stop.

Thanks again for your support..

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One survey I urge you to complete about the future of motorcycling:

Hello

In association with the EU Regulation into Type Approval and all the new electrikery being proposed by those who believe they know better than someone who actually rides, a survey has been launched which runs until 15th May.

https://www.soscisurvey.de/2BeSafe_en/

There are about 40 questions, but I really urge you to persevere.

Interestingly many of the questions are phrased in such a way as to establish most riders as habitual law breakers and I urge you to read them carefully.

Others have an introductory scenario to set the scene where electronics would obviously help- like the one where opening and closing the throttle is done automatically to keep you a certain distance from the car in front.

Everything is included here: compulsory ABS and traction control, curve speed control, a system to stop lane splitting, heads up displays, and it's interspersed with questions which blur motorcycling with irrational road use.

How often do you undertake, or ride on a pavement? what about the wrong way down a one way street and do you not bother with road laws because they are complicated?

I urge you to complete this survey as this will make a difference to the justification used for foisting more controls upon us.

Please spend the time and forward the link to anyone you know who rides.

Thanks and remember we only have until 15th May.

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Kind regards

Paddy Tyson

Announcements - [No To Bike Parking Tax]

Due to the Easter break, no newsletter this week, but some short announcements.

First though, can we thank you all for such an uplifting show of strength at last WESC following so quickly after the disappointing news of our Appeal being dismissed. As our latest legal recruit aptly surmised, with the Road Traffic Regulations (the Act against whose confines dictated our challenge) were clearly drafted to assist local authorities ease congestion, the prospect of hearing how the UK authorities will convince its fellow member states that deterring the motorcycle would in any way "ease congestion" had many WMBC & NTBPT Members already planning their routes to the ECJ.

"Cars pay, why shouldn't motorcycles?" v "Bicycles don't pay, why should motorcycles?"

Couple that with the incredulous ruling that, despite the Act giving no mandate to the same, the court has ruled that any local authority can deem it "fair" to lump 2 majorly differing modes of transport together for the purposes of charging one along the same auspices as the other, and the determination to get this case before the ECJ could not be greater.

Described in the judgments as "terminating the discriminatory treatment between motorcycles & cars" & "the need to level the playing field between motorcyclists & other vehicular traffic" (ie Cars pay, why shouldn't motorcycles? - Points 46 & 47 of Pitchford's judgment & Point 9 of Kay's judgment), had this argument ever been considered as being applicable to the Road Traffic Regulations, the simple counter-argument would have been "bicycles don't pay, why should motorcycles?". After all, when it comes to the "capital cost" of accommodating bicycles vis-a-vis marked out routes & security bars set in the pavement, surely the argument that justified the bogus WCC "experimental order" (bogus because there was never any experiment!) of capital-cost reimbursement would be far more applicable to bicycles as that cost clearly runs into the many millions!

To Europe we must take this matter, safe in the knowledge that funds will be made available to us, and thus, we don't need come back to you!

Interestingly, following the lead of other outsiders (ignorant of our true purpose of riding to Brussels last year) who tried in vain to label our superb day in Brussels as "a waste of time", I duly inquired who might be up for another "waste of time in Europe", I was met with one of the most resounding cheers this campaign has ever heard.

WMBC

Until the proposed meeting to decide the "campaigning" way forward, WMBC is suspended

Let those who Ride Decide

As promised, we are actively seeking venues for a Sunday morning meeting within the next 3 weeks (10.30am start). This will be open to all NTBPT campaigners & other interested parties to decide the way forward for the campaign, and will be addressed by our new lead barrister who will talk us through taking the case in the ECJ. It would be of great assistance if you can let us know in advance if you wish to attend as we wouldn't want a venue too small.

Similarly, if any of you know of a central London venue that could be used on a Sunday morning, please could you also get in touch chairman@notobikeparkingtax.com

M25 - The Great Lap of London - The Long Way around

Scheduled to depart Ace Cafe London on Saturday 25th June, we will travel anticlockwise leaving at 10.30am. Whilst we still await a few final confirmations, we cannot give more details at this time. However, once received, we will be printing posters & fliers that we would ask you to either collect at WESC & distribute, or download your own from the website & distribute. As you know, we rely solely on you guys to spread the word.

EU roadmap for transport - further indications of EU plans on road safety that will affect bikes:

FYI

The EU WHITE PAPER 'Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system' can be read online at;
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52011DC0144>;
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Below is the extract on road safety, which talks of driver (and presumably rider) assistance systems, (smart) speed limiters, protective clothes, anti-tampering and paying particular attention to vulnerable users such as motorcyclists through safer infrastructure and vehicle technologies.

I'll take a look at the background documents to see what specific proposals there may be to enact any of these, although much of it will be contained in the framework regulation on Type Approval.

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Towards a 'zero-vision' on road safety

* Harmonise and deploy road safety technology - such as driver assistance systems, (smart) speed limiters, seat-belt reminders, eCall, cooperative systems and vehicle-infrastructure interfaces - as well as improved road worthiness tests including for alternative propulsion systems.

* Develop a comprehensive strategy of action on road injuries and emergency services, including common definitions and standard classifications of injuries and fatalities, in view of adopting an injuries reduction target.

* Focus on training and education of all users; promote the use of safety equipment (seat-belts, protective clothes, anti-tampering).

* Pay particular attention to vulnerable users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, including through safer infrastructure and vehicle technologies.

The ROAD on line:

This link will enable people to view the whole of issue 33 of The Road on line. Could you please get this link put on our various web sites.

<http://content.yudu.com/Alr0dv/TheRoadIssue33/>

Biker Cheats Death:

I know it's in the States but I thought you'd be interested - interesting to note the driver at fault had no licence or insurance though.

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/5/20110427/tod-biker-cheats-death-in-us-highway-sma-870a197.html>

Biker Seriously Injured In Crash:

A motorcyclist is in a life threatening condition after a crash near Hook.

The bike was in collision with a Ford Fiesta on the A327 near Blackbush Airport yesterday.

The motorcyclist, a 43-year-old man, was thrown from the vehicle and suffered serious injuries to his chest and leg and was taken by air ambulance to hospital and was last night described as being in a life threatening condition.

A 47 year old Farnham woman has been arrested on suspicion of driving without due care and attention, and bailed until July 1st pending further enquiries.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Terry Barnes at Whitchurch police station, quoting Operation Blackbury, on 101 or 0845 045 45 45 from outside Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. You can also call the anonymous Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

2011 Events

May.

Basingstoke Festival of Transport, Sunday 8th May. at The War Memorial Park.

NABD Rally. 6th-8th May. Cheshire.

Basingstoke MAG ride out to Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth. 14th May

Winchester MAG. 14th – 15th May Bike show.

Sun Flower Motorcycle Run Sunday 22nd May. Ivel Barbarians Rugby Club Somerset

Clay Pigeon Shooting. 29th May. 10am-2pm about £35 £10 deposit end of March.

June:

The Farm Yard Party, 17th-19th June. Pre book £25 otg £35.

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

Lion Rally. 10th - 12th June. Reading.

3Bs Rally. 24th-26th June. Bordon.

July:

AndyCap Rally. 15th-17th July At Wells, Somerset.

South West Bike Day. 15th July. At Wells, Somerset.

Basingstoke MAG Ride out to Ace Café Show at Brentwood – 31st July. Time of meet to be arranged near the date.

August:

The Bull Dog Bash. 11th -14th August.

Popham Bike Show. 21st August.

September:

Rog and Lyn Charity Run: Sunday 25th September.

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Basingstoke MAG 2012 AGM. 22nd March, 8pm at The Royal Oak.