

Basingstoke M.A.G.

Minutes

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Rep Keith:

Welcome: Lin, Geoff

E-mails:

Your chance to cut motoring red tape:

Life is about to get easier for road users, businesses, and local authorities as Roads Minister Mike Penning today pledged to slash unnecessary red tape.

Over 400 Whitehall road transport regulations have been placed on the Red Tape Challenge website - a Government-wide site aimed at reducing bureaucracy - for four weeks. It asks everyone whether they think that a regulation is well designed and provides vital protections, or is badly designed, badly implemented or simply a bad idea.

Prime candidates for being scrapped include:

- * The requirement for motorists to have a paper or electronically issued Motor Insurance certificate. Getting rid of this requirement could reduce admin costs for businesses and cut Bureaucracy for many people;
- * Regulations specifying that bus companies have to wait 48 hours before they can throw away perishable items that have been left on the bus;
- * Rules specifying the procedure that councils must go through when installing speed humps. This includes the minimum (and maximum) heights and the minimum number of lights that must be installed nearby.

Mike Penning said;

"We are calling on everyone: consumers, businesses and volunteer groups to get involved and help reduce the number of badly thought out and obsolete regulations in our country.

"Is it right that we tell car owners they must have a bit of paper to prove they have insured their car? Or that a bus company has to keep the box of eggs you left on the bus for a full 2 days before they can throw them away? And what about us telling your local authority how high and long a speed bump should be? Enough of the form filling!

"By getting government off people's backs we can free businesses to compete, create jobs and unleash a private sector-led recovery. We will also give people the opportunity to play a greater role in their community and build a stronger society."

The review also targets a number of arcane and obsolete regulations on the statute books that could run the risk of eroding public confidence in regulations. For example, there are regulations in force dating back to the 2007 foot and mouth crisis allowing milk tanker drivers to work longer hours. There are also regulations that still exist allowing road closures for the 1994 Tour de France.

Experienced 'sector champions' will be providing expert knowledge during the Red Tape Challenge on the issues faced by those on the shop floor.

Motorists' champion Edmund King, AA president and Visiting Professor of Transport at Newcastle University, said:

"Good road transport should be about getting from A to B in an efficient, economic, safe, and sustainable manner. It should not be about filling in forms from A to Z or complying with historic, bureaucratic, and irrelevant regulations. The AA supports this initiative to cut red tape whilst maintaining a flexible framework to enable safe and reliable journeys."

Freight champion Theo de Pencier, CEO of the Freight Transport Association, said:

"There are few industries as tightly regulated as the freight industry, so cutting those regulations that are clearly superfluous, pointless and downright barmy will allow companies in the sector to focus on doing their job properly in as safely and efficiently a manner as possible, saving time and cost in the process."

Car lease and rental champion John Lewis, Chief Executive of the British Vehicle Rental & Leasing Association said;

"In the recent past the UK has had some prolific legislators in Government who spent far too much time and energy using legislation to place overbearing controls on the UK Motorist with a never ending stream of regulations that stayed in place for years even if their original purpose was out-dated.

"This Challenge gives people and businesses a four week opportunity to challenge what they believe is transport red tape and to put forward logical arguments for removing unnecessary and irrelevant regulations, which will get listened to. Let's make the most of it."

The overall aim is to remove barriers to economic growth and increase individual freedoms. The presumption is that regulations will go, unless it can be justified why a regulation should be kept.

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Notes to editors:

1. The Red Tape Challenge was launched by the Prime Minister on 7 April, giving the public a chance to have their say on the more than 21,000 regulations that affect their everyday lives.

2. The Red Tape Challenge can be found here:

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3. The first five themes of the Red Tape challenge campaign are:

- a) Retail
- b) Hospitality, food and drink
- c) Road transportation
- d) Equalities
- e) Health & Safety

4. The campaign will also have six cross cutting themes that affect all businesses and are open throughout the whole of the campaign. The six cross cutting themes are:

- a. Employment law;
- b. Pensions;

c. Company law;

d. Equalities;

e. Health and Safety; and

f. Environment legislation.

5. For each sector theme, there is an experienced 'sector champion' who will provide expert knowledge on the issues faced by those on the shop floor. The champion acts as an intermediary between the sector and Government and help to direct the web-based debates and discussions.

6. The Government's plan for growth is available at:

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Road safety director Claes Tingvall makes the statement of the year about motorcycles.

FYI..! This came from FEMA

This is excellent!!!

We will put an article on FEMA website asap.

Hope this will contribute to the success of many of our safety projects or political debates!

Well done SMC!

Regards,

Aline

As you all know Vision Zero is a Swedish invention. Professor Claes Tingvall is the instigator of Vision Zero. He is a director of Road Safety at the Swedish Transport Administration and has been a professor at Monash university, Australia and now at the Vision Zero Academy, Chalmers University Göteborg. He's known all around the world.

Claes Tingvall became known to motorcyclists 1997 after a statement in national TV: "there is no room for motorcycles in Vision Zero". Since then a lot has happened.....

This video was recorded at the annual Result conference, held by the Swedish Transport Administration 28th April in Stockholm. Hundreds of stakeholders meet every year at the Result conference to follow up the new interim target where the number of fatalities is to be halved and the number of serious injuries is to be reduced by a quarter from 2007 to 2020. Myself from SMC and McRF, the Swedish partner for MC-producer were invited to present our work to reach the target .

With help and sponsorship from a professional TV company, SMC

translated the round up speech of Claes Tingvall since this can be useful for motorcyclists all around the world. *Claes Tingvall states that the MC-culture is an ideal for other road safety work! *

LINK: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgK2Yjn7MgU>

Regards
Maria

You can see our presentations here, in Swedish:

<http://www.trafikverket.se/Foretag/Trafikera-och-transportera/Trafikera-vag/Sakerhet-pa-vag/Tillsammans-for-Nollvisionen/Resultatkonferens/Resultatkonferens-2011>

IAM Poll:

Hello,

You have subscribed to our list of people willing to take part in the IAM polls. We would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete our new poll on " Government strategy poll - what do you think of the new propositions?", which is available online at IAM.org.uk

Feel free to pass it to anyone you know who is not an IAM member, as we are seeking a wide range of views.

Please do not reply to this message as it is an auto reply and we will not receive it.

Many thanks

IAM Marketing and Communications

The Filling Station biker friendly cafe, Keswick Cumbria:

The owner and applicant is a MAG member, how about trying to get his petition to the 1000 he needs, its blatant discrimination. Paul (MAG Chairman) has offered to give support if possible at his hearing.

Subject: The Filling Station biker friendly cafe, Keswick Cumbria

Hi All ,

this Cafe is currently trying to get planning permission, but members of the local council are objecting, on the grounds that it will attract the wrong sort of people.....Bikers,

<http://www.lakesescape.co.uk/Lakes Escape/Filling Station Cafe.html>

Stop anti-biker discrimination. We are not second-rate citizens, we do not urinate up the side of buildings instead of using the toilet (yes, it was really suggested by opponents in the planning meeting!), we are not a danger to pedestrians, we do not "wreck the place" (a Councilors quote) and we make no apologies if we are "not the right image".

Please forward this on to all your Biker Friends and take the time to sign the petition

<http://www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/fillingstationcafe>

Thanks
John

Update: Government consultation on the possibility of allowing an increase in the length of articulated lorries:

Simon (Essex and Herts MAG Rep), went to the meeting along with the London Cycling Campaign, Chris Hodder BMF and the Cycling Touring Club.

The 'Possibility' of allowing longer lorries is a bit misleading. It is a UK Govt Proposal and not an EC nor industry one.

We are only talking about a couple of extra metres on already 18metre wagons. There will be no change in the UKs rules on turning circle and so the longer wagon will have to be able to turn in the same track. It is to reduce freight miles travelled and therefore help the UK Govt meet its carbon reduction targets.

An analysis has been done by the TRL and there is no statistical difference in projected number of accidents. These lorries will only be suitable and therefore used on trunk roads between depots, so will for most of the time be travelling in a straight line. And so MAG is already in favour for:

Reducing likelihood of measures on motorcyclists to reduce their carbon footprints Has a neutral impact on road safety

There will be a UK trial plus evidence gathered from trials in other countries. The minister will base his decision on the trials and views of motorcyclists and cyclists.

Simon proposes that MAG offer its full support to the proposal if it is mandatory that these new wagons have side proximity detectors and CCTV to cover the blind spots. He seeks your agreement to work with the LCC on a joint response to show the DfT and the minister that two-wheeled users can join forces in our mutual interest on this and other issues like 'No to Day Glo', Get A Grip, and treating motorbikes more like bicycles than cars (manifested in the NoToBikeParkingTax campaign and fighting the transfer of car safety features to motorcycles).

Whilst there is inbuilt tension between motorcyclists and cyclists there are parallels in our aims and objectives. Most notably around personal choice (to wear hi-viz and helmets), road safety (including design, potholes and missing manhole covers) and a sustainable alternative to the car.

To add to the debate:- Road engineering:

I got this from Mike a MAG regional rep

(From memory) Govt publication: Road Safety, the next Steps, 1986 "The greatest savings (in casualties) will come from road engineering."

From Western Morning News today: "improvements on 15 roads save 300 lives. an estimated 300 deaths and serious injuries have been avoided due to fewer dangers on the 15 UK roads where safety has improved the most..... The most improved road is A4128 from Great Missenden to High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire where fatal and serious crashes have gone down from 19 in 2004/06 to just 2 in 2007/09.

"In many cases records have got better due to simple improvements"

Not from dayglow or full size number plates on bikes then? Or even Road side MOTs? Mike

AGC 2012:

Just received a reminder about next years AGC, from Paul MAG's Chairman, he was just asking us to get thinking about getting offers in with costings for next NC if possible. So if you want the AGC closer than UP NORTH, find a venue and we can sort it out.

MCN – Sorbonne:

MCN have been in touch wanting a quote in response to this report from the Sorbonne which looks rather interesting. He sent me the whole report which would have taken a day to read so I asked him for a precis which he has sent

Hi Ian,

Fully understand. The precis is:

- This is a study from the Sorbonne
- It shows motorcycle/scooter usage in Paris grew by 36% from 2000-2007
- The growth was unexpected, has been consistently under-estimated in official reports, and occurred without any help from public policy
- It presents this growth as socially, environmentally and economically beneficial
- The benefits of the increase in converts from cars was calculated at €102m (following World Bank guidelines on cost/benefit analysis)
- Of the new converts to PTWs, 53% formerly used public transport, 26.5% cars, 0.4% bicycles
- It concludes: "...analysis shows the shift towards PTWs is largely beneficial to the community, conferring a considerable improvement in overall prosperity (+ €168m)"

• "Compared to cycling, which has been intensively supported by public policy even though it represents just 0.1% of daily travel in Paris, PTWs have major advantages"

• "It should be noted that minor injuries make up the bulk of additional accident costs and the number of minor injuries is fuelled by the daily friction between cars and PTW users, suggesting that gains could be achieved through better conditions for PTW traffic"

• There are on average 21 PTW fatalities in Paris for a means of transport accounting for 16% of passenger/kms made annually; this contrasts with an average of six fatalities concerning cyclists which account for a mere 0.1% of trips. My take is, PTW uptake is better for everyone except the tax man; its significance is habitually ignored if not hushed up; cyclists have done a ridiculously good job of bending governments' ears.

Cheers,
Guy

MAG President Ian Mutch says
This is very encouraging and puts into perspective the value of motorcycling to the broader community. The biggest problem we face as a lobby lies with the perception of risk being so far ahead of the reality and this study would appear to restore some sanity to a debate within which motorcycles are commonly demonised as nothing more than death traps. The relative risk when compared to bicycles is very interesting and strengthens MAG's attempts to get motorcycling viewed in at least as positive a light as cycling which enjoys almost universal backing. It looks like the Sorbonne is dishing up some serious doses of rationality in tune with its founding principles.

Tony North West MAG Rep sent the attached for comments,



Dayglo.pdf

Ireland also looking at compulsory hi-viz:

"Like France our Road Safety Authority is currently advocating the compulsory use of Hi-Viz jackets. The full sleeved version is what they want to see everyone wearing."

Cassington Cancelled:

Hi All,

It has come to my attention that the popular Cassington Bike Night has been cancelled. The link below explains more. Please pass on.

<http://www.bmrco.org.uk/page3.html>

A shame, but you could see it coming. I'm sure they'll get lots of offers of help for next year. Lets see if we can offer our help as a MAG region.

FW: [southernregionmag] FW: Battestinis California Dreamin Expo:

<http://www.californiadreaminexpo.com/#>

Just to remind anyone interested, this Saturday and Sunday sees the "Battistinis California Dreamin Expo" at the Bournemouth BIC.

Click the link above for more info and cheaper pre-paid tickets.

Hope you are all well.

Dan.

A.O.B.

Keith: On Thursday 16th June there will be no MAG meeting but will still meet at the Royal Oak at 7.30pm to work on the car park to get it ready for the show on Saturday 18th ...PLEASE bring a broom to help sweep the car park.

Keith: Still want prizes for the raffle.

Red: Southern Region AGM is on 12th Nov 2011. 7pm at the New Queens Head Winchester.

Colin: Ride out to Thruxton Race Circuit on bank holiday Monday. 30th May. Meet at the Royal Oak at 8am.
Get your own ticket before or on the day.

Cheryl: Anyone wants to order a Rugby Shirt for the Bike Show please let her know. £20.

Miller: If anyone has any ideas for social events please email him.

Golf is on 3rd September

Real Ale Train is on 8th October.

2011 Events

May.

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

Clay Pigeon Shooting. 29th May. 10am-2pm MEET AT 9.15AM LEAVE AT 9.30AM. The Royal Oak.

Basingstoke MAG Ride out to Thruxton Race Circuit on bank holiday Monday. 30th May. Meet at the Royal Oak at 8am.

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:

Basingstoke MAG ride out to Donkey Sanctuary Sidmouth. 9th 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:

Basingstoke MAG Golf day. 3rd.

Rog and Lyn Charity Run: Sunday 25th September.

October:

Real Ale Train Trip 8th.

November:

Southern Region AGM, 12th at The New Queens Head, Winchester. 7pm.

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

