

Basingstoke M.A.G.

Minutes

25/08/2011



Rep Keith:

E-mails:

25th Sept- the start points grow and there's a facebook page with interactive map:

25th September- EU HANDS OFF BIKING- ACTION NOW!

The list of start points for the day of action continues to grow and are now on the MAG website and in a new national facebook page, but just as a reminder of what the day is:

Biking as we know and love it is under threat from proposals working their way through the legislative process:

- New Regulations to PREVENT riders modifying any part of a bikes' powertrain, from air filter to rear tyre size
- Random road-side stop checks to TARGET motorcycles
- Future MoT tests to CONTROL non-standard parts
- Compulsory ABS, adding cost and complexity (especially to small machines)
- New rider numbers halved after the number of bike test centres SLASHED
- From Jan 2013 there will be EVEN MORE restrictions on new riders
- Ireland wants riders and passengers to be forced to wear hi-viz full sleeve jackets
- France wants hi-viz/reflective clothing, but also wants to BAN bikes over 7 years old from cities

Talking to politicians is important, but it isn't enough on its own. It's time to show the UK Government and its representatives in Europe that we want them to roll back the tide of interference in biking, not add to it.

What better way to fight the slow strangulation of UK biking than by symbolically and simultaneously strangling the nation's arteries in a co-ordinated action; its motorways and dual carraigeways?

It won't take long to make our point at a steady 45-48mph, so join us for a sedate Sunday lunchtime social ride with all your mates.

Gathering from noon at selected service areas, we roll at 1pm using the inside lanes, all over the country at exactly the same time, melting away after about 15 miles. Our strength is in unity.

For details of a start point near you, see the MAG website

<http://www.mag-uk.org/en/campaignsdetail/a6883>

or the Sept 25th facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/25th-Sept-2011-Action-Now-EU-Hands-Off-Biking/218514361530962>

I ask all of you who have started individual local event facebook pages, to please highlight the national one, so that everyone realises it's a co-ordinated MAG day, and so that riders can see that there is probably a start point convenient to just about everyone. In 48 hours, 1000 riders found and liked the '25th Sept Action Now- EU hands off biking'.

It's going to be a big one!

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Kind regards

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Mass Demo:

Dear all, please remember to gather in services where at all possible. The idea is that there shall be no breaking up of a run as it attempts to get to the motorway, especially since the action is to be 'flash', and should be all over in 15-20 mins.

The appeal and the strength in the action is that it is simultaneous and nationwide, not that we parade through towns, run red lights etc. This is one weapon in our armory, as I reiterate negotiations are ongoing and we have developed a lot of respect as an organisation, both in gov and within the industry. We are simply highlighting that we have potential, and that our voice/opinions need to be listened to.

Just want to remind you all...

As national advertising will be from and through central and other bike media that has agreed to back us, please don't forget to tell me when you have finalised start points and whether you are doing north or south bound etc (except Exeter serv of course...)

Paddy

Just had another two in our area:

A volunteer (John Parker) has come forward to start a run from Rownhams Services eastbound on M27, so we can now list it too along with Rufus Stone services westbound on A31 (at the very end of the M27). It would appear that 200 scooters are going to support us on an A road route as many of them are on 'L' plates!

A.O.B.

Miller/Cheryl: Went to the ship inn in Farnborough this week. They are holding a Mods and Rocker Bike meet on September 18th, 11am – 5pm, in aid of the air ambulance.

Miller: Has sent out an email about who is coming to the golf day, so Jim the landlord knows how much food to lay on. Please let him know if you are coming and if you are bring any one. Buffet is £3 and golf price is to come.

Red: Red and Dave when to Winchester MAG's 1st Birthday party.

2011 Events:

September:

Basingstoke MAG Golf & Food Day, 3rd September. Golf then Food at The Royal Oak. 2pm.
Rog and Lyn Charity Run: Sunday 25th September.

25th September OUR PEACEFUL PROTEST...NEW TIME, 12.00PM FLEET SERVICES SOUTH BOUND, Basingstoke MAG are meeting at the Royal Oak at 11.30am to leave just after.

October:

Basingstoke Beer festival: 14/15/16 October. We are going on sat 15th. Time 2pm at Milestones.

November:

Southern Region AGM 12th November 7pm. Held at the New Queens Head Stanmore Lane, Winchester SO22 4AJ

Basingstoke MAG Beer Train Trip: 26th November. ALL BOOKED.

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