

TIM FAWTHROP FOR MAG CHAIR

Manifesto

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Lifelong rider; seasoned activist tested 'under fire' in London; track record of putting the case for motorcycling to some of London's most powerful high profile decision makers and great team player.

I am ready to step up to the challenge of MAG Chair.

- **Fought and won** an exception for older motorcycles in the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). Motorcycles that meet the emission requirements can be **made ULEZ exempt**.
- **Successfully campaigned for access to bus lanes** getting them introduced in some of the 33 boroughs that make up greater London.
- **Organised a 2,000+ rider demonstration** in central London to raise awareness of the needs of motorcycles.
- Negotiated a free stand for MAG at the **London Excel motorbike show** that has become a yearly event.
- Built up a dedicated and effective group of MAG volunteers that have gone on to **do amazing things** in London

Who am I?

I have been riding motorcycles since 1976 in Yorkshire, where I purchased my first moped, a bright yellow Puch VZ50; I have worked as a courier in London and have attending many rallies and demos in my time. I now use my motorcycle for commuting, rallies and touring.

I took on the Regional Rep position because I was incensed over Transport for London (TfL) narrowing London roads as a matter of policy. I went to the Ace Cafe to meet up with other MAG members to see what I could do to help and discovered that there was no London MAG and hadn't been for quite a few years. After meeting up with Selina at a Fred Hill Run that I had helped to organise, another first for me as well, I took on the RR role and started to do my bit.

What is my priority as Chair?

I want to carry on doing Selina's great work **keeping MAG at the forefront of the fight for riders' rights** by meeting all the challenges that the future will bring.

Some of these challenges are:

- The ban on the sale of ICE engines - although we don't definitely know if this will include motorcycles at this time we can't just hope and pray that we will be exempted we need to make a case for exemption.
- Motorcycle security and the provision of high quality motorcycle parking in towns and cities
- The recognition that those who chose to ride an EV will be included in any charging infrastructure that is built.

In my view MAG's job is to fight for motorcycles to remain part of the transport mix in the face of determined efforts to have us removed, overtly via bans and covertly via things like travel-to-work surveys that don't even offer motorcycle as an option.

We all know that motorcycles:

- Reduce pollution
- Need less parking space
- Provide affordable transport for people to get to work or college
- Are quicker around our congested towns and cities than car or bus

This needs to be emphasised whenever possible. The rise in the gig economy shows how important motorcycles are in an economically growing society.

Online meetings have helped MAG to keep on doing outstanding work at all levels and I hope will continue due to the helpfulness in co-ordinating campaigns. They have the ability to keep costs down. MAG can hold meetings that can be attended by all members no matter where they are and will be a key part of some of what we do in the future. Face to face meetings will return as soon as feasibly possible, after all we are a very social group.

What is my commitment to you as members?

The **Chair is the voice of the members** guided by the feedback that comes through the National Council (NC), and if I am elected to the position I will be instructed by the members through the NC. **It is not about what the chair wants but what the members need.**

All members of MAG are **passionate about motorcycling**, some so much so that they take on roles like that of rep, spending time organising runs, parties, quizzes and charity work. And then we have some like the Farmyard and Stormin' teams who spend an extraordinary amount of time and effort raising amazing amounts of funds which enable MAG to function so well. All because of their passion for motorcycles in all shapes and forms.

As I write this the phrase 'herding cats' springs to mind! Our passion for motorcycles can lead to heated arguments and discussions; as long as we don't take it too personally and that the members feel able to speak their minds and that they will be heard, we will be **stronger as a group than as individuals.**

Although technology is moving forward in leaps and bounds, and what motorcycles will evolve into in this ever and rapidly changing world are unknown, I can promise that **MAG will be there fighting for riders' rights.**

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