

# The WRAG

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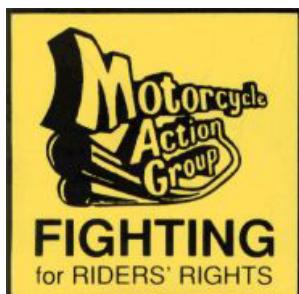


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### Mid Wilts Christmas meal

The all you can eat Chinese meal is still on Saturday the 3rd of December @ 20:00 but now at a new venue, Memory of Beijing, 48 New Road, Chippenham. SN15 1HL. Cost £14.50. Please do not forget your raffle prizes *Taff*

### Bristol MAG AGM

Bristol MAG held its AGM on Thursday 17th November. Eddie was Observer. I was asked by Joe to Chair. Dan took the Minutes - thanks Honey.

Despite advertising the AGM was not well attended - sadly. However we got through a lot.

The incumbent committee was re-elected with the exception of the Clubs Officer as he wasn't present and it wasn't fair to re-elect him in his absence. An addition to the committee is Tim who is an Officer without Portfolio.

Re-iterating what I said at the meeting - Sincere thanks go Joe, Dan and Stacey for picking up when Taps disappeared. Also, sincere thanks to those in the Group who have raised money for MAG - those being Stacey for passing the jar round at her breakfast runs and for Claire and Big Nick for raising so much from the t-shirts for the bike show. We also had skittles and a quiz show. As a result Bristol is paying for the catering for the Regional AGM and is sending £500 to Region. *Anne Gale*

### Weston & North Somerset MAG AGM

W&NS MAG's AGM was well attended at the Full Quaert Hewish on the 9th November.

Mark Hamblin was elected Group Rep, with the other posts remaining unchanged, discussions then ensued as to ideas for future events.

W&NS MAG's Xmas Dinner is on the 17 December at the Full Quaert.

## Do You Ride in Bath & NE Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire?

### WEST OF ENGLAND CONSULTATION

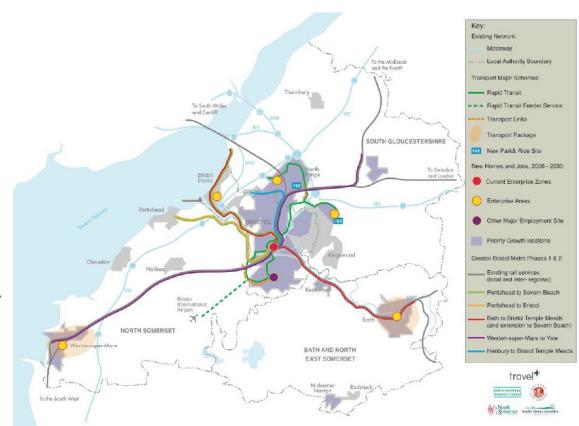
#### JOINT SPATIAL PLAN AND TRANSPORT STUDY



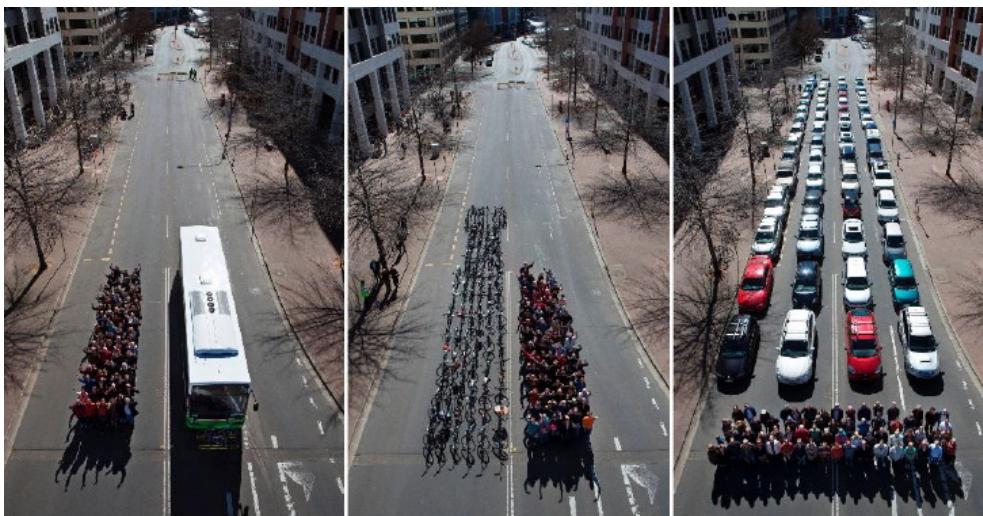
These four Councils, under the umbrella name of West of England, are producing new Strategic Spatial and Transport Plans. They are designed to meet the development, particularly housing, and transport needs of the area up to 2036. The

documents will have legal force and will require the approval of the Government before coming into effect.

The first phase of consultation on the general approach took place in late 2015/early 2016. This has resulted in the strategy being based on development focused on the main transport corridors coupled with protection of the Green Belt around Bristol. The Councils have now embarked on a second phase of consultation which will inform the final Plans. These will be published in summer 2017 with a view to adoption in 2018.



The strategy includes many potential transport schemes including new/upgraded roads, improved rail and bus services and resurrects the possibility of new tram routes. Of particular interest to motorcycle riders is the intention to prioritise use of the highway network for more (space) efficient travel modes and to transfer highway space on radial routes (the main routes into Bristol and Bath) to public transport and cycling. Whilst the prioritisation of space efficient travel modes should benefit motorcycle riders, the transfer of highway space to public transport and cycling is more ambivalent. If this results in narrow traffic



lanes that prevent filtering then there could be an adverse impact which would be compounded if motorcycles are not permitted to use any new bus lanes.

Worryingly you will be hard pressed to find any explicit mention of motorcycles despite these Councils having a relatively good record over the past 20 years of supporting their use. Looking ahead to 2036, the use of motorcycles for commuting is forecast to remain unchanged as a proportion of all trips whilst walking, cycling and public transport increase substantially as a result of a shift from car use.

MAG Western Region will, of course, be responding to the consultation but we urge all individual motorcyclists and clubs to also respond. It appears that the Councils are not sure which way to go with motorcycling so it is vital that they receive enough responses to make it impossible to ignore us.

For more information go to the web site:- <https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti>

Joint Spatial Plan: Towards an Emerging Spatial Strategy consultation: [https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti/system/text/pr\\_nov16](https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti/system/text/pr_nov16)

Joint Transport Study: Transport Vision Summary Document consultation: <https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult.ti/JTSTransportVision>

Here you will find links to all the consultation documents and the ability to respond online. The closing date for comments is Monday 19 December. It would be helpful if you could provide a copy of your response to me at [judge@freeola.net](mailto:judge@freeola.net)

*Geoff Mills* Western Region Political/Policy Officer



## MAG Hatters Rally 2017

The second MAG Hatters Rally is being held on the Easter Weekend of April 14th-16th 2017 and takes place at the same venue as the first one, Eastington Community Centre, Eastington, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Tickets are now available for Prebooking at the miserly sum of £12.50, and can be ordered through the Pay Pal facility at: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/mag-hatters-rally.html>

Where you can also find more info and postal booking, or you can pay on the gate £15 .

There will only be a rally patch for the first 100 to prebook.

Can you spare an hour or more to help at the rally? If so please contact us. We are especially looking for First Aiders with the appropriate accredited basic emergency first aid certificate, if you are a first aider and want to help please contact Deb Rose 07789070759.

## WESTERN REGION ANNUAL GROUP MEETING.

Sunday 12th February 2017. Signing in: 12.30. Start time: 1.00

Venue: Skittle Alley - The Railway Tavern, Station Road, Fishponds, BS16 3SG.

Please bring: Current membership card (no vote without it)

and Camping chair (limited number of pub chairs)

Light snack provided.

Enquiries: Deb Rose, Regional Rep, 07789 070759. Agenda items to Anne Gale: [aine@mag-uk.org](mailto:aine@mag-uk.org) by January 15th latest.



### Events

**Dec 3.** Christmas Meal: Mid Wilts MAG: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/mid-wilts-mag.html>

**Dec 4.** Toy Run: Reading Christian Motorcyclists: <http://www.readingtoyrun.org>

**Dec 11.** Taunton MAG Pet Food Run: <https://www.facebook.com/MAGTaunton/photos/pb.152527708095967.-2207520000.1480433421./1500684246613633/?type=3&theater>

**Dec 17.** Christmas Meal: Weston & N Somerset MAG:

**Feb 12.** Fred Hill Run: Greater London MAG: <http://www.ace-cafe-london.com/>

**Feb 12.** South Wales Fred Hill Run: South Wales MAG: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1101069379987710/>

**Feb 12.** WESTERN REGION AGM

**April 9.** 2nd Mods and Rockers: Cardiff MAG

**April 14 – 16.** MAG Hatters Rally 2017: Western Region MAG: <http://western-region.mag-uk.org/mag-hatters->

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