

**The Constitution, Standing Orders and Rules  
OF THE**

**Western Region Motorcycle Action Group**

Adopted by the Annual Group Meeting  
At Hewish Village Hall, Sunday 28th January 2007  
And amended at Annual Group Meeting 2014 at The Railway Tavern, Bristol.

**1. Name**

1. The Western Region Motorcycle Action Group

**2. Objectives**

1. To provide opportunities for MAG members in the Region to participate in the activities of MAG at a local and national level.
2. To recruit members to MAG.
3. To raise such funds for the maintenance of the Group locally and nationally as its activities require.
4. To publicise the local and national activities of MAG within the Region.
5. To maintain contact with relevant local authorities and public bodies where the departments of such authorities are involved in actions or activities relevant to riders so as to ensure riders interests are represented and safeguarded. To co-ordinate the activities of local MAG Groups within the Region.

**3. Membership**

1. The membership of the Region shall consist of individual and joint members of the Motorcycle Action Group resident within the Regional boundaries as agreed from time to time by the NC and AGC.

**4. Management**

1. The Region shall elect a Regional Representative (Regional Rep') or NC Liaison whose powers and responsibilities shall be laid down by the National Committee subject to such local variations as requested by Regions and agreed on a case-by-case basis by the National Committee.
2. The Regional Rep or NC Liaison shall represent the Region on the National Committee of the Motorcycle Action Group.
3. The Region may also elect, co-opt or appoint such additional officers as it deems necessary for the efficient management of the Region. These officers together with the Regional Rep or NC Liaison shall comprise the Regional Committee.

4. Where a Region decides to create a County sub-structure of local groups, the Region as a whole shall decide on rules applicable to the Counties as contained in Appendix 1 to these rules, so as to ensure that all Counties within any given Region operate on the same lines.
5. The National Committee may dismiss Regional officers deemed unsuitable or unqualified to hold office.
6. Where circumstances so require, one member may be elected to more than one office.
7. The financial year of this Region will end on the last day of December. Accounts will be forwarded to the National Finance Director within one month of the date of the Region's AGM at which accounts will be presented.

## **5. Regular Regional Meetings**

1. Regional Committee meetings shall be held at least once every 2 months.
2. At least (14) day's notice of Regional meetings shall be given to all those entitled to attend. For this purpose *an e-mail on the committee mailing list and an entry in the regional newsletter* shall be considered sufficient. The accidental failure to give notice of a meeting to any member shall not invalidate the proceedings.

## **6. Regional Annual Meetings**

1. From 2nd February 2014, Western Region Committee shall notify its members of the Regional AGM by the following methods: Advertisement in the National MAG publication, currently called The Road; listing on the National events database; listing on the Regional web-site; posting to face-book pages (at the discretion of the face-book admin); distribution via relevant mailing lists.
2. Regions shall supply a draft agenda for said meeting to the regional membership along with notice of any proposals and / or nominations received by the date of the posting.
3. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of such meetings.
4. Not more than 15 months shall elapse between Regional AGMs and should no AGM be convened within that time the Region Rep's or NC Liaison's term of office shall cease, with the National Network Communications Officer convening a Regional AGM in conjunction with local reps in the Region.
5. Regional AGMs shall be notified to the NC at least four weeks prior so as to enable an observer to be appointed.
6. The Annual Group Meeting of the Western Region shall be held in January of each year or, in the event of such a meeting not being held in that month for any reason, then as soon thereafter as possible.
7. The Regional AGM will take place at a time and venue decided by the Regional Committee.

8. Twenty Eight (28) days notice of an AGM will be given to those members entitled to attend, although the accidental failure to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting. Notification through MAG's national member's publication and an individual notification to each local Rep' in the region shall be considered adequate for this purpose.
9. The quorum for an AGM shall be 20 members.
10. Proposals and nominations will only be accepted from paid up members resident in the Region.
11. All members shall be required to produce their membership cards as proof of current membership before being admitted to Regional meetings.

## **7. Voting at ALL Regional Meetings**

1. The Chair of Regional meetings shall hold a casting vote in the event of a tie, which shall be his first and only vote on the question being put. All other members shall enjoy full and equal voting rights.
2. All decisions shall be by simple majority vote. Abstentions shall not be counted. Postal and Proxy votes are not permitted.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

1. The general provisions of the constitution of the Motorcycle Action Group (incorporated as a company limited as MAG (UK) LTD) shall apply to this region.
2. This Region may not affiliate to any other organisation.
3. It shall be the duty of this region to take all necessary steps to enforce the constitution of the Motorcycle Action Group.
4. Any member having a complaint about a Regional officer will first endeavour to resolve it within the Region. Should the complaint not be resolved to the satisfaction of both parties to it, either party may refer it to the National Committee.
5. This Region shall not buy, sell, accept a gift or take lease of property without the approval in writing of the National Committee of the Motorcycle Action Group, as to the giving of which it shall have absolute discretion.
6. In the event of this Region being dissolved or ceasing to exist for any reason its assets, after payment of outstanding liabilities, shall be transferred to the MAG (UK) Limited.

## **Appendix 1 – Rules Applicable Where a Region Operates A County Sub-Structure**

1. The local groups within each County shall be represented on the Regional Committee by County Reps.

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2. [Either] County Reps shall be elected by the Local Reps within each County [or] County Reps shall be appointed by the Elected Regional Rep from amongst the Local Reps within each County.
3. County Reps shall be subordinate and responsible to the Regional Rep of the Region in which their County falls.

Regional Reps are empowered to veto the appointment of or dismiss any County Rep deemed unsuitable or unqualified to hold office, and to invite the County in question to nominate an alternative, failing which the Regional Rep may make a suitable appointment.

