



british motorcyclists federation

The BMF has recently been engaged in the following Lobbying & related activity:

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Anna Zee [AZ], Political & Technical Services Director, activities:

November 2017, attended meeting of the Infrastructure group, a subgroup of the Highways England Motorcycle Working Group. Progress prior to the meeting was on the slow side but we hope for better before the next meeting in April. The objective of this group is to set guidelines for road design which cater for motorcyclists.

Also, in November attended presentation of the annual results from the Euro RAP program, rating the safety of UK roads, at a meeting at the Houses of Parliament.

A meeting of the Highways England MCWG was held in March. A campaign to encourage the use of better riding gear was run last autumn in the South East targeting younger riders, including a presentation at colleges. The video used can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuAeLKx2G1I>

AZ participated in the production of a briefing paper on motorcycle safety which was presented to a Working Groups meeting of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Transport Safety [PACTS] in January. We hope the briefing paper will inform PACTS policy in the future but that will be the decision of the PACTS trustee board.

Representatives of motorcyclists and of the motorcycle industry were invited to a GLA Transport committee meeting in November. First up on the agenda was a discussion on the 2016 accident statistics. At first glance these seem to show an alarming rise in the number of killed and seriously injured (KSI) but this is down to changes in the way injuries are recorded. AZ and the MCIA representative were able to put the figures in context; it is not that there has been a rise in KSI, rather they have been under-reported in earlier years.

Attended the RoSPA conference in March and a road safety committee meeting in January.

Attended Motorcycle Crime Reduction Working Group [MCRG] meetings in November and February. Particularly of note was the overall thefts were 30K, while London accounted for 44% of this, it only accounted for 10% of sales. Certain politicians proposed a ban on pillion on mopeds - this was opposed & not implemented.

Participated in a TfL workshop on Vision Zero in November 2017: some of the Mayor's Transport Strategy stems from this. Vision Zero is the concept that road transport should aim to have zero fatalities, an unrealistic ambition in our view.

ITS (UK) has a number of interest groups and AZ has participated in meetings of the Connected Vehicles group and Mobility as a Service group. These are particularly interesting as a view on what may be coming our way in future transport options.

Participated in a Future of streets in the City Meeting, City of London: they will be trailing ground anchors in at least one M/C parking bay in the City.

Participated in a number of consultations: National Infrastructure Commission, Remote Control Parking, Ultra Low Emission Zone [ULEZ- TfL], proposal for a Major Roads Network.

AZ also participated in meetings which are part of a Road Safety Capacity Management [RSCM] review, run on behalf of the DfT RSCM is an OECD [Organization for Economic Co-Operation & Development] initiative, originated by the World Bank. A Safe Systems approach is recommended.

Howard Anderson [HA] Finance Director & Region 10 [NI] Chair participated in Graduated Driving Licence [GDL] meetings & Motorcycle Safety Working Group meetings in NI. The current political hiatus in NI has impacted both, particularly the implementation of aspects of the GDL.

Tom Duncan [TD] Admin Director & Region 1 [Scotland] Chair participated in the Scottish Motorcycle Road Safety forum in March.

Peter Laidlaw [PL], Membership Services Director & Region 9 [NW] Chair attended Trans Pennine route impact assessment meetings.

Europe

AZ participated in Connected Intelligent Transport Systems [C-ITS] working groups/ impact assessments in Brussels, as FEMA technical delegate, the BMF is a member of FEMA.

AZ attended an ACEM [Association of European Motorcycle Manufacturers trans: Fr] conference in Brussels, as FEMA President.

AZ participated in a New Mobility Services working group in Brussels. Mobility as a Service (MaaS) is one aspect of this.

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