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AGM

The 2008 AGM will take place at the Black Bitch, Linlithgow on Wednesday March 12th at 8-00 pm.

Current Vacancies to be filled are Chairman and Membership Secretary. Nominations for these or any other positions (volunteers wanted!) should be received by the Meetings Secretary (Janet Moss) on or before February 13th. Any motions for the Agenda should also be received by Janet on or before February 13th.

John Quirk

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

As some members are aware I am unfortunately unable to continue as Membership Secretary after the AGM next month so here is a brief job description for interested parties.

The job is not too demanding either technically or in time although familiarity with Word and Excel would be an advantage as all relevant documents are in these formats and simply need updating as required. Forwarding Bikebytes via email (with about a dozen to print and post) is the main monthly task. Keeping track of membership is predominately a springtime event although new member interest and applications occur sporadically throughout the year. The post also holds a seat on the Committee. If anyone needs any further info please do not hesitate to get in touch at jquirk@hotmail.co.uk or on 01369 704205.

John Quirk

BIKER FIRST AID

We have the opportunity for limited number of our members to attend a First Aid course run along the lines of the First Bike On The Scene. It will be run on Saturday March 15th, from 11am to 6pm at a location to be confirmed in Linlithgow. It will cost £20 a head

John Moss

PARKING IN EDINBURGH

Ruby mentioned at the November meeting that she'd had to park in one of the Edinburgh 'Controlled Parking Zone Extensions' recently and, finding that there were no motorcycle parking bays, had asked a parking attendant what the rules were for parking in

the area. He told her that he 'was sure' that motorcycles could park in any 'pay and display' bay, without having to pay for a ticket. However, as Ruby said, it would be good to confirm this!

I volunteered to get on to the council to verify the situation and finally received a reply last month. I've attached a jpeg of the parking zones within the city at the moment!!



The main part of the council reply stated:

"As you are aware, within Edinburgh motorbikes can currently park for free in motorcycle bays within the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) which includes zones 1-8. Motorcycle bays can be identified by the road legend which reads 'solo m/c's only'.

If parking within the CPZ and a space in a motorcycle bay cannot be found then you can park in a pay and display whilst displaying a valid voucher.

Motorcycles parking within the Controlled Parking Zone Extension (CPZE), which includes zones N1-N5 and S1-S4, can park free of charge within both a pay and display or shared use parking bay."

Ken Glendinning

SCOTTISH ROAD SAFETY POLICY

The Scottish Government is looking for comments on its road safety policy.

<http://www.scottishexecutive.gov.uk/Publications/2008/01/29141938/0>

Paul Broughton

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