Rule Changes: May 2020

The current COM has been trying to push through a new rule change that would only strengthen their position further as controllers of the LTDA. They did this by using the suburban branch that contains a small percentage of the membership (There are only **70 Yellow Badge** members of the LTDA) and one in which no Green Badge member is allowed to even attend. Please note only 11 LTDA members, including LTDA COM members in attendance, approved this rule change.

The rule change they seek is as follows:

*Rule 44a be amended to read as follows; No new rules shall be made nor any of the foregoing rules altered, amended or rescinded,* ***unless agreed by the Council of Management*** *& agreed by members after a postal ballot. The structure of the postal ballot shall be decided by the Council. The ballot must be overseen by an approved Electoral reform group.*

*Rule 44b l be amended so it reads as follows; Agreed by a vote of Members via a postal ballot Rule 44 b 2 be amended so it reads; Registered with the appropriate Authority The afore mentioned will also require amendment of rule 17 by the removal of references to voting delegates and the removal of rules 18 & 19 in their entirety.*

This might seemingly sound like a fair and reasonable rule change until you look at the detail.

The important part is ‘**unless agreed by the Council of Management**’ this would give the COM control in deciding what rules are changed and presented to the membership.

The FCA rejected this rule change after our objection.

But the COM are still trying to push this rule change through. LTDA members cannot allow this to happen.

**This would give them complete control over the Association.**

Even if members disagree or put forward rules or ideas they think would be of benefit. One example might be removing Free Now and Gett adverts from the LTDA Taxi Newspaper, which was proposed over 2 years ago at the Central Branch and was refused numerous times by the COM.

The LTDA has to be driver led and the branch-based system allows all members to participate. The current COM have sought to disenfranchise the membership over the last 10-15 years and have only acted now because the have been challenged by those attending branch meetings.