



In 2012 Jerry and Shelley Lawson started a new business – *Frog Bikes*. The aim was to produce lightweight and affordable children's bikes. The company's bikes were designed for children using the latest technology. The bikes are produced in a Chinese factory and sold in the UK and other countries.

The business quickly became successful. By 2016 its bikes were sold in over 700 shops in the UK. It faces competitors such as JE James which sell similar bikes in the UK.

*Frog Bikes* uses social media to promote its bikes. Figure 2 shows a competition run on the *Frog Bikes* Twitter account. To enter the competition people needed to follow the business on Twitter.

As a manufacturer and retailer, *Frog Bikes* has to comply with a large amount of legislation. All bikes meet ISO (International Standards Office) standards. This ensures they are safe for children. Rules include the need for all bikes to be fitted with a chain guard, and for handlebars to be safety checked.

In 2016 Jerry and Shelley decided to increase production to meet the growing demand. They considered expanding the company's Chinese factory, or building a new factory in the UK.



**Figure 2**

(Source: adapted from <http://startups.co.uk/startups-100/2016/8-frog-bikes/>)