

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Held at the Royal Festival Hall, 19:30 Thursday 18 January 2018.

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Cy, Derek, Harriet, Harvey, Ian, Jez, Rob, Simon

Minutes:

All collective members were asked to study the “lessons learned” from last year, as documented in the final minutes from 2017.

Officials:

The collective unanimously agreed the appointment of John, Derek and Cy as officials and treasurers with signing authority for WNBR funds as defined in the constitution. We noted that John is moving away from London so we may need to exercise the power to appoint an additional treasurer at a later date.

Meeting dates:

It was agreed that future meetings should follow the usual pattern of the third Thursday of the month at 19:30 at RFH (unless otherwise agreed). Please note that the meeting schedule is thus:

1. Thursday 18 January 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
2. Thursday 15 February 2018 19:30
3. Thursday 15 March 2018 19:30
4. Thursday 19 April 2018 19:30
5. Thursday 17 May 2018 19:30
6. Test Ride(2 June 2018 tbc)
7. Pre-ride finalisation and radio check (7 June 2018 tbc)
8. Post-ride review (tbc)

People and roles

- Derek will lead West Norwood and look at radio comms.
- Harvey will lead a ride – but tbc whether Kings Cross is viable this year as it is under new ownership.
- Natasha has confirmed she would lead Tower Hill.
- Ian will lead Kew Bridge again this year and take over police liaison from Kiran.
- Alexia, John, Mike and Celia will have left London but will be available to lead or marshal on the day.
- Kiran and Paul plan to step down this year but are happy to hand over and coach their replacements for liaison with police and Royal Parks.
- Simon and Rob will marshal and also take over the Royal Parks liaison from Kiran.
- Rob will also take over bike hire liaison from John.
- Harriet, Jez, Simon, Rob and Cy will form a team looking at publicity, social media and comms as well as marshaling. Amelia (not present) will probably also wish to join this group.
- Cy will check the position for insurance.
- No input from Luigi, who may be a lead for Hyde Park (but will need helpers).

Action: *all to pursue activities as listed above, in particular:*

Action: *Ian, Rob and Simon to set up handover from Kiran and Paul re liaison with Royal Parks, police and other authorities*

Action: *Cy to examine situation re insurance cover*

Action: *Rob to pick up current bike hire contacts and arrangements from John*

Date

The traditional date for WNBR London is the second Saturday in June. As is often the case, this will clash with the Trooping of the Colour.

The advantages of this date include:

- maintaining the precedent that this is a customary and regular event that runs on the second Saturday of June
- the increased numbers of spectators
- the observation that it is less likely for unexpected events to be scheduled in the same place at the same time
- avoiding the World Cup dates.

The disadvantages include:

- the likelihood of road closures and restrictions
- the risk that the authorities will not disclose timing and extent of closures “for security reasons” making it hard to plan routes and contingencies
- possibilities of objections from police and parks.

All present agreed that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and we should confirm the date as Saturday 9th June 2018.

Action: *Cy to make announcements via all social media channels*

Starts and routes

Our plans should be based on last year. We do not yet wish to discuss routes; we will save that for future meetings. One future consideration may be to visit Oxford St again.

We agreed that we will announce:

- West Norwood (Derek / Jez)
- Clapham Junction (Mike / Celia / Harriet)
- Kew Bridge (Ian / ano)
- Tower Hill (Natasha / Esther / Cy)

We need further consideration of resourcing and viability for:

- Kings Cross (Harvey / Simon – if we can clear access with new owners)
- Hyde Park (maybe Luigi, John and Rob?)
- Regents Park

Action: *Harvey to investigate whether we can use Kings Cross*

Finance

Derek reported on our financial position. We do not have enough funds for all the things we would like to do but could probably afford the essential expenditure. We need to be more proactive at attracting donations. We will give further consideration of how to communicate a “suggested donation” (like free museums do) without in any way putting people off. At the next meeting we will look at things we need to buy (eg new armbands).

Publicity and social media

A number of collective members are interested in improving our publicity and social media coverage. Some ideas are:

- New web site
- New url wnbr.london
- Instagram
- Link to Vice
- Supportive organisations
- Invite Improv to help
- Link to bodypainters
- Link to students

Action: *Rob to set up a discussion for those expressing an interest* (Rob, Harriet, Jez, Amelia, Simon, Cy)

Next meeting: 7:30pm Thursday 15th February in the Royal Festival Hall – seating area by the side entrance near the statue of Nelson Mandela.