

## Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Held at the Royal Festival Hall, 19:30 Wednesday 16 January 2019

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Graeme, Harvey, Luigi, Nick L, Paul M, Richard

**Apologies:** Mike, Natasha, Paula, Simon, Sophie

### Welcome

The collective welcomed new volunteers and exchanged brief introductions.

### Feedback on 2018

A report on the 2018 ride had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that it was useful and accurate. We should pay heed to the recommendations.

Additional observations from those present included:

- Need to shorten the stay at Lincoln's Inn Fields, which implies better timing and keeping riders together.
- Value of the hub and multi-channel comms approach.
- Value of having route maps, particularly when dealing with diversions.
- Desire to have better support from the Police.
- Co-operation from TfL.
- Learn lessons from Brighton.
- Possibility of co-ordination with Extinction Rebellion.
- We should be advocates for safe cycling – promote good behaviour on the ride.
- Further action to reduce bad riding behaviours and undesirable naked behaviours.

Action: *consider better guidance briefing and/or leaflet for riders.*

### The Date

It is useful to have a date to work to when dealing with other parties (eg police, parks, party venues). The normal practice is to choose the second Saturday in June. We have no knowledge of problematic conflicts this year. It will be the Trooping of the Colour in the morning, but that is common and we have not found it to be a problem in the past. Accordingly, we are agreed to set the date as Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019, which means a test ride on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Action: *publicise date on all channels.* [Posted and tweeted live from the meeting.]

### Start Points and Leaders

Tower Hill: Natasha had confirmed she would lead on TH again, provided she has helpers.

Hyde Park: Luigi, Simon and Richard will handle HP.

Clapham Junction: Mike had previously confirmed he would again run CJ, with help from Celia and Kate.

Kings Cross: Harvey has already approached Kings Cross and is awaiting their response. (Last year they said no because they already had bookings for the date.) Action: *Harvey to confirm.*

Regents Park: At the moment we have no assigned leader for RP, assuming that Harvey will be at KX. When we know about KX we will see who could lead RP – maybe Rob or Pawel.

Deptford: Sophie had confirmed to us that she and her colleagues would run a new start from Matchstick Piehouse (theatre, art, bar, pies) in Deptford. We would like them to have an experienced WNBR marshal and Graeme is from that area so he will be happy to ride with them. Action: *Graeme to hook up.*

Kew Bridge: We have not heard from Ian, so we do not know if there will be a KB ride. Action: *Cy to contact Ian.* [After the meeting Ian confirmed that he would run KB again, but would like more help.]

West Norwood: We have not heard from Derek for a year and we had heard that he might be moving. Altogether a WN start seems unlikely, but we will try to get confirmation. Action: *Graeme.* Dave W has also been trying to get clarification. [After the meeting Dave said that Derek would not know whether he could run WN until the end of February.]

### **Treasurers**

The constitution requires that we formally appoint two or more treasurers for the year. We prefer to have three to provide contingency. 2018 treasurers were Derek, John and Cy. Derek has ceased to interact with the Collective. John is still in touch with us but he has now moved to Bristol and does not intend to be involved in organising the ride (although he might join us as a marshal on the day). Cy is currently handling finances on his own.

For 2019 the Collective agreed unanimously on a vote of hands to appoint treasurers for 2019 as:

- Cy
- Richard S
- Dave S

### **Finances**

We do not have access to our funds prior to 2018. Action: *we need to work out how the current treasurers can get access to the bank account and PayPal donations.*

Donations and payments in 2018 were handled through new accounts (which are intended to be temporary until we can use the main ones again). As well as donations, we received income from ticket sale donations from the afterparty and Battersea Art Night. We also invoiced LBTC for the seat covers they had included with bike hire. As a result, there is an adequate balance. However, we have no more seat covers so will need to re-stock, potentially at a cost over £1000. We must continue to raise funds for 2019.

### **Liaison with Police, Parks and other authorities**

Simon handled this well last year and is happy to do so again. The Collective agreed that he should lead. We also noted the need to start as soon as possible as the final agreements last year were too late for us to adjust our plans to take advantage.

## **Afterparty**

Last year's afterparty at the Magic Garden was moderately successful and raised a significant amount of donations. We were disappointed with the arrangements and several attendees expressed their dissatisfaction due to the overcrowding and lack of provision for us. If we go back to that venue we would want them to do more to accommodate us.

We have already looked at some good options, but they have proven not to be available as they were already booked for the date. The Vaults and Old Paradise Yard near Waterloo are both interested in working with us in the future.

We need to look for suitable venues. Action: *Dave S and Nick L to lead on party arrangements. Cy to brief them on ideas and considerations.* Ideas and suggestions welcome from everyone!

## **Purchases**

The Collective agreed we should replace the handout/publicity cards as the current ones reference our old website and the old PayPal donations link. It was suggested that we should also replace the current graphic (a couple riding together in front of London scenery), with something reflecting more diversity. Action: *Cy to redraft and share for consideration.* [Updated design was circulated and received positive feedback.]

The Collective agreed we need to restock the seat covers using new designs (as proposed last year). The cost could be over £1000 depending on the quantity and source. The Collective agreed we should procure these from local suppliers rather than use cheap foreign suppliers.

Other expenditure would be considered at subsequent Collective meetings.

## **Future Meetings**

The Collective agreed to the proposed schedule to meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:30pm to 9pm at the Royal Festival Hall unless otherwise agreed.

## **Meeting dates**

1. Wednesday 16 January 2019 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
2. Wednesday 20 February 2019 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
3. Wednesday 20 March 2019 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
4. Wednesday 17 April 2019 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
5. Wednesday 15 May 2019 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
6. Test Ride Saturday 1 June 2019
7. [Optional] Pre-ride finalisation and comms check (tbc)
8. The Ride Saturday 8 June 2019
9. Post-ride review (tbc)