

## Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Held at the Royal Festival Hall, 19:30 Wednesday 20 March 2019

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Chris, Cy, Dave S, Graeme, Luigi, Nick, Paul H, Richard, Simon My, Simon Mr, Sophie

**Apologies:** Natasha

### Start Points and Leaders

West Norwood: We heard via Dave W that Derek is able and willing to host the start again this year. The collective agreed we should add it to the start list. There are two marshals (Dave W and Ed) but we should try to find someone additional who can also do the test ride.

That takes us to 7 starts, 40 miles covered and 14 bridges crossed.

Deptford: Sophie and Graeme devised and shared their route.

Kew Bridge: Ian has not communicated recently, which is a bit of a worry.

Planned starts have been publicised and FaceBook events have been published. Please encourage everyone to sign up and invite all their friends to invite all their friends!

| Start            | Meeting Point                        | Gather | Ride  | Leader  |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Clapham Junction | Grant Road, SW11 2NU                 | 14:30  | 14:45 | Mike    |
| Deptford         | Matchstick Piehouse, SE8 5HD         | 13:00  | 14:00 | Sophie  |
| Hyde Park        | North Carriage Drive, nr Marble Arch | 14:00  | 15:00 | Luigi   |
| Kew Bridge       | North end of Kew Bridge nr W4 3NQ    | 13:30  | 13:45 | Ian     |
| Regents Park     | Outer Circle, near NW1 4NA           | 14:20  | 14:50 | Harvey  |
| Tower Hill       | Trinity Square Gardens, EC3N 4DJ     | 14:00  | 14:45 | Natasha |
| West Norwood     | 242 Norwood Rd, SE27 9AW             | 12:00  | 14:30 | Dave W  |

*(timing subject to review)*

### Funding

Cy updated about the funds currently available to the Collective.

### Bank account

Richard reported success with setting up a new free bank account with Nat West. It is open, although we are still gaining full access to it. As soon as it is 100% ready, we should transfer funds form legacy sources.

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

Simon contacted the Royal Parks and is awaiting responses. It is too early to engage with the police. Action: *All leaders to ensure Simon My has full route details.*

## **Afterparty**

Dave has considered several venues, most of which have been unable to help.

We currently have interest from a restaurant in Shoreditch called B'acino, who seem keen to have us and would probably look to a £300 deposit against a £1500 minimum spend. This venue has relatively small indoor space and no ability to take in bikes – so we would need bike parking nearby.

We were also introduced to a huge temporary venue alongside London Bridge Station called Old Vinegar Yard. This space could be big enough for the whole ride to end there. It has indoor and outside bars and food outlets.

Action: *Dave S, Simon My, and Cy to investigate and evaluate the options further.*

## **Flags**

Sophie shared a flagmaking workshop which is free to attend. Action: *Cy to publicise on Social Media.*

Simon My reported on his joint working with XR on flags. From their experiences they were not planning to run further workshops but would be training people in how to run workshops – which could be of use to us. Action: *Simon My to continue to develop this opportunity.*

The Collective had a long discussion about what fabric to use for flags. Natural fabrics such as cotton are not ecologically sound as they consume a great deal of water. Artificial fabrics consume oil. Recycled fabrics are expensive and still go to landfill. There was no conclusion to this conundrum, although it does reinforce the benefits of being naked.

Cy believes that if we acquire appropriate fabric, it could be cut and sewn by us and screenprinted by the eco printers WNBR used last time. Action: *Cy to continue to explore this possibility.*

Graeme volunteered to see if there are facilities we could use at Goldsmiths.

## **Seat covers**

The Collective again failed to conclude on the design. We agreed, however, that we should use the green 100% recycled fabric as the best, ecologically-sound choice. This option was the most expensive and would cost around £1,285 for 1,000 covers.

After considering all slogans, we concluded that there is no one slogan that all supporters would find acceptable. The most popular choice had been “burn fat not oil”, but that could be interpreted as fat shaming. We agreed to drop the slogan but boost the size of the WNBR namecheck logo. Action: *Cy to revise the draft designs and circulate for comment.*

## **Fund-raising merchandise**

We had no response from Ian on any legal considerations.

Richard had conferred with an expert who suggested there is no merit in trying to protect our intellectual property.

Cy explained that his concerns were more about the originators of our various motifs, who might feel cheated if a different ride was raising funds using their design. In general, we believe all WNBR collectives would be happy to share their materials – indeed, WNBR London has often said we are happy to share ours. Nevertheless, we will try to minimise the use of non-London content.

The Collective agreed in principle to the raising of funds through merchandise sales, provided it does not create an administrative burden for us. Action: *Cy to pursue*.

## **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)