

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 11th March 2020

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Barbara, Cy, Graeme, Ian, Ken, Sophie

Apologies: Dave S, Dave W, Harvey, Luigi, Natasha, Simon Mr, Tony

Starts

Victoria Park, East London: Ken has written confirmation from the park management that our presence is acceptable.

Croydon / Shirley: Confirmed that they will offer camping, pre-ride activities, return ride, and BBQ.

Kew Bridge: Ian confirmed he will lead the ride. His actual route is not the same as the previous documentation, which needs revision. **Action: Ian**

Accessibility option: The group had a long discussion about options. We agreed that it would be good to identify and support an easy segment of the ride for people with mobility challenges.

Some considerations were:

- easiness and safety of the route
- safe, convenient, secluded places to start and stop
- avoidance of photographers
- stewarding, marshalling and buddying
- being there for the fun of the last leg
- having the flexibility to do as much or as little of the ride as the participant wishes

Suggestions were:

- between the two rest points
- from the main rest point to the end
- finding a good starting point after the main rest point
- finishing at the gathering point for the afterparty rather than the main finish

We did not reach a conclusion. Ken will investigate and consider the options then report back. **Action: Ken.**

Royal Parks

Richard attended a meeting at Hyde Park. They were content with our plans and will agree to the start on the same basis as the last two years, starting north of North Carriage Drive. There is a running event in the morning but it should be finished before we arrive. They are requesting to see details of the insurance.

They raised the question of the Green Park finish. Our position should be that we finish on Constitution Hill, after which it is appropriate for participants to pack up in the safety of Green Park, but that does not form part of our planned ride.

Tannus

The PR agency who contacted us have lost the contract with Tannus, so the plans for their support are defunct. The agency did encourage Tannus to take up those plans directly with us, but we have no reason to believe that is likely to happen.

Afterparty

Brixton Jamm remains lined up for the afterparty, despite some hiccoughs.

We paid their invoice and believe we now have a firm contract in place.

Given the Covid-19 virus outbreak, we are concerned about whether we will be able to run the party, whether people will come, and whether we will recover our money.

Simon My communicated that he didn't want anything more to do with the afterparty. The venue said they did not want us there because Simon told them we were planning a sex party. Simon also told one of our people he has left the collective. Dave S went to meet Jamm's owner and was able to reassure him about the nature of our afterparty.

With the probable drop out of Tannus, we need to consider arrangements for bike parking. Our friends at iBikeLondon/Cyclehoop are experts in that field and we should be able to get help from them. **Action: Dave S / Cy to pursue a solution.**

Dave S is leading on the afterparty. There is much to do so it would be good to have other volunteers to help. **Action: everyone.**

Location Tracking

Richard, Ken, Natasha, Barbara and Cy participated in a test of the three candidate solutions: Telegram, Life360 and Glympse. It was clear that the Telegram location functionality was not user friendly when tracking multiple people. We will still use Telegram for our main text messaging during the ride, and it could be used in an emergency to broadcast location. There were competing pros and cons for the remaining two candidates. As Richard was not at the meeting, we decided to defer the decision until the next meeting.

First Aid Training

Harvey arranged the training session at Oakwood for 23rd May. Following our circulation of the details about half the places are taken up – so more marshals are welcome to attend this free training session. **Action: anyone.**

Marshal Briefing/Training

Not much progress. Simon My announced to the team that he would no longer be leading or participating. Harriet was studying the briefing notes. **Action: Graeme to engage with Harriet. Action: Cy to update the notes as an input.**

Communications

Harriet and Mike are now on the social media team.

Flag-making party

Ken is planning a pre-ride, clothing-optional party that would make flags for the ride - probably on the Friday. He had agreed with a venue but that has fallen through. Dave S may have some suggestions. **Action: Cy to link Dave and Ken.** Social media team will publicise the event when the time and place are confirmed.

Meeting schedule

- Wednesday 8/1/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 12/2/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 11/3/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 8/4/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 13/5/20 Meeting
- Saturday 6/6/20 Test Ride
- Wednesday 10/6/20 Meeting
- Saturday 13/6/20 Ride
- Sunday 21/6/20 Debrief and celebration