

## Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
By Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Harvey, Mike, Richard, Simon Mr, Simon T

### Apologies:

### Debrief on #NotTheWorldNakedBikeRide on 13<sup>th</sup> June

Everyone agreed the activities were very successful. We should organise some online events to accompany the ride in future years. These might be both before and after the ride (but not clashing with the ride). It might be helpful to seek submissions in advance to make sure content is appropriate and good quality.

Many supporters did undertake alternative activities in place of the ride. We were particularly impressed by Esther and Steve who held their own two-person ride and sent us video, photos and a detailed blog. Maybe WNBR Bowers Marsh should be added to the calendar.

The quality of the main Zoom-In was excellent. We had 331 people sign up, with an on-line peak audience over 100. Conversations with guest speakers were interesting and relevant. The collective expresses its considerable thanks to all those who contributed. We found we had far more content than we could squeeze into the time available. One regret is that we had not asked for permission to record any of the content due to our concerns for the privacy of audience members. We might look at how to do that safely if we run a similar activity in the future.

The Zoom afterparty also went very well, even though we had very little prepared content or structure. It was a mix of contributions from many people, ably controlled by Mike. Many people shared stories, videos and pictures. Dave S got everyone up and dancing. Some screen shots were taken with permission and warning. There were very few visibly undesirable attendees.

The photo competition attracted enough entries to be worthwhile although there were not many good photos taken of activities on the day. Conversely, we had some excellent contributions from collective members to pre-populate the competition and advertise the activities. Richard was the main judge and awarded prizes to Howard Smith, Lucy, Esther and Steve. These have been publicised on social media and in a blog on our website.

The quiz worked well. We will move it to a permanent feature in the "About" section of the website.

### Website hijack

The website is still in the hands of the hijackers. Their "black lives matter" screen now also has the Hi Altitude WNBR film embedded in it.

We have reported the attack to the registrars ([abuse@godaddy.com](mailto:abuse@godaddy.com)) and to Mailchimp (<https://mailchimp.com/contact/abuse/>). Both these claim to be investigating but have not yet confirmed any action.

Nobody at the meeting has made contact with Simon My, who had previously handled the registration of our domain.

We do have the option to treat this as a domain name dispute rather than the hijacking of our domain. The process is handled by Nominet. Early stages are free. Escalating to an expert reviewer costs £200. Going to a formal appeal costs £3000. We will commence the first stages if godaddy fail to give us control of our domain.

### **Potential rescheduling of the 2020 ride**

The meeting considered the latest situation and noted the considerable relaxation in official guidance and an upsurge in public confidence, leading to enthusiastic outdoor activity by many people. We have seen many protest marches, outdoor partying, shopping frenzies and pubs spilling out across the streets. The authorities have also done much to promote and support cycling as a safer form of transport and exercise.

Conversely, we need to bear in mind the risk of a second wave, which seems quite possible given the amount of public close contact.

Altogether, we do not have sufficient evidence to be confident enough to set a date without risking having to cancel it again. The most likely target would be the end of August or early September. The bank holiday weekend might be particularly good. We need a minimum of two weeks to organise and publicise a ride so a decision should be taken at our next scheduled meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

We envisage that any ride would be significantly reduced in several ways:

- Lower turnout than usual
- Need to achieve social distancing of riders
- Need to avoid crowds and bottlenecks
- Several of the starts would be impractical in the current situation
- Royal Parks currently not scheduling or permitting any gatherings
- Some marshals will not want to compromise their personal distancing or isolation
- Some first aid certificates have expired; it is unlikely that we could organise new courses in time
- We would need to comply with whatever restrictions are in force at that date – and we don't know what they will be given that the Government adjusts the rules frequently

We will continue to evaluate the position and potentially organise a ride. A decision is likely to be made at our next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Meeting schedule**

- Wednesday 8/1/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 12/2/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 11/3/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 8/4/20 6pm Video Meeting
- Wednesday 13/5/20 7pm Video Meeting
- Wednesday 20/5/20 7:30pm Meeting for Zoom-In team
- Saturday 6/6/20 3pm Test Zoom-In
- Wednesday 10/6/20 7:30pm Video Meeting
- Saturday 13/6/20 #NotTheWorldNakedBileRide
- Wednesday 8/7/20 7:30 Video Meeting
- Wednesday 12/8/20 7:30 Video Meeting
- Wednesday 9/9/20 7:30 Video Meeting