

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR Planning Collective

Held at the Royal Festival Hall, 19:30 Thursday 8 June 2017.

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Alexia, Cy, Derek, Harvey, Ian, Luigi, Simon

This is the final pre-ride meeting, concentrating on operational matters.

Routes:

We have tested the revised Tower Hill route which avoids London Bridge and Borough Market. This is out of respect, and also to avoid any risk of upsetting people. Instead TH will pause on Southwark Bridge to allow people to respect and reflect in whatever way they personally wish to do.

We are most concerned about TfL published road closures around the Buckingham Palace area. They do not seem to have given timings for re-opening and show many roads affected. We might not be able to turn through Trafalgar Sq. We might not be able to end via The Mall. Even our diversion route via Pall Mall may be blocked. **Action: Simon to seek clarification.**

Route options are:

A – as planned – finish via the Mall, diverting onto the bike path alongside Constitution Hill, ending in Green Park at the Circle of Trees (or earlier for the return riders holding area)

B – If the Mall is closed, divert to Pall Mall then strike North to turn onto Piccadilly, passing Green Park and

B1 – if we can, turn back into Green Park from Hyde Park Corner end, if not,

B2 – ride into Wellington Arch

C – if we can't even get through Trafalgar Sq we probably need to stop, dress and go home!

We considered reverting to Oxford St – but felt it was too late to make such a big change – let's look at that for next year.

Radio comms:

Derek distributed six pairs of handsets. They communicate in pairs or switch to leaders only or ride-wide channels. They need to be collected at the end of the ride.

Quick guide: turn on/vol knob – wait for it to boot up and connect. Select channel by pressing middle side switch and twisting channel knob. A strange voice will tell you whether you are selecting your start pair, the leaders, or everyone. Or the press the bottom switch and twist to select any single person by ID.

Arm bands and seat covers:

We do not have enough armbands so some people will have to improvise. Let's get more for next year.

Getting the message over

All starts should have copious supplies of handout cards to give to riders.

We have had a number of responses from media. A Sunday Times journalist will ride with TH then hopes to get copy ready for Sunday's edition. French TV are filming at Regents Park. A Guardian photographer will be at Kings Cross. Some other filmmakers and journalists may join us. BBC are not now joining us.

The meeting unanimously agreed that it was OK for other organisations to be present at points on the route with a view to giving out food or other stuff to riders. We would not object to this unless they have conflicting corporate objectives. Two ethical food suppliers had made requests. Rude Health cannot now make it as we had not given a thumbs up, but naked Yoghurt will be at LIF. We should insist they agree to tidy up any mess.

External liaison

Kiran circulated documents demonstrating the consultation and acquiescence of the Police and the Royal Parks. All ride leaders and marshals should carry a copy in case you are challenged. We also should carry a copy of the Insurance document and the Bike Week registration. **Action: re-circulate with these notes**

Constitution:

Further to last meeting, we agreed the quorum should be set at 5 people. Meetings can be called by anyone who has attended at least two previous meetings. **Action: Ian will draft changes**

Post ride meeting

We agreed that the post-ride meeting could be a Saturday BBQ in West Norwood on 22 July. We should invite all helpers.

Ian will issue the updated constitution for ratification at that meeting

Next meetings:

Saturday 10th June – let's ride!

Saturday 22nd July – BBQ and post-ride debrief meeting