

## Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
By Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Harvey, Ian, Ken, Mike, Natasha, Richard, Simon Mr, Simon T

**Apologies:** Dave W

### Website hijack

Unfortunately, our hijacked domain is not subject to the jurisdiction of Nominet who only deal with .UK domains not all UK domains. We took up the complaint with ICANN, the international regulators, Mailchimp who are hosting the fake page, and godaddy the registrars. All of these say they would take action as soon as we get a court order. Godaddy say they were able to contact “the registrant” who does not want to return our domain.

**Action:** agreed that we should take up Natasha’s offer to try to talk with Simon My, who had previously handled the registration of our domain.

**Action:** ask Hi Altitude to block the fake page’s access to their documentary film of WNBR London.

### Potential rescheduling of the 2020 ride

There was a long, constructive discussion about mounting a substitute ride later in 2020. We considered that this was probably the last opportunity to prepare for a ride as the weather will be increasingly risky.

Attendees considered in depth how we could make the ride work safely enough for participants, other road users and spectators.

The measures discussed included:

- Allow for social distancing – bikes can spread out in small clusters
- Have rolling start and finish whereby people can hop on or hop off at any point and at any time during the ride
- Avoid crowded places and spectators
- Avoid common bottlenecks and blockages
- Use the road rather than cycle lanes for more space
- Safer than normal WNBR routes
- No difficult turns
- Can be navigated in small clusters without marshals or guides
- No need for marshals or first aiders, although helpers would be useful
- Maybe identify people as “guides” if they know the route
- Maximum use of cycle routes and quiet roads / minimum clash with traffic
- No gatherings before, during or after – minimum time to get ready and ride

Three route options were examined in detail. These all reflected the safety measures - avoiding tourist spots or bottlenecks, and having a looping route with no defined start and end points. The suggestions were variations of routes alongside the Thames between Tower Hill and Westminster.



The “big loop” would cross the Thames twice to loop anticlockwise alongside the river. The part of the route from Blackfriars to Tower Bridge is an easy ride but has several turns so some riders might get lost without guides. Some people felt we might want to shorten the loop to avoid tourists (and police) at Westminster. We agreed we should view all the bridges as options for shorter loops or as deviations on the day.



The “two way” route would cut out the junctions, with riders U turning at the ends. A big advantage of this route is that anybody could follow it with no briefing or guides. It would also have the positive effect of allowing riders to see each other and have the chance to cheer each other. Several people were concerned that they would constantly come into close contact if using the cycle superhighway. We agreed that it would be better to do this route using the road rather than cycle route.



The “lasso” route was conceived as a compromise between the other two options. It avoids the difficult part of the southern side, retains the fun aspect of a two-way stretch, but also offers the option to do just the loop.

Most attendees expressed a preference between these ideas, and also said they would be happy with the other alternatives. First preferences were:

- Loop = 4 votes
- Two-way = 3 votes
- Lasso = 2 votes

Natasha and Barbara then asked people to consider all the risks following which the collective voted to drop the idea.

### **Suggestions for revisions to the constitution**

This item was not discussed and is deferred until the next meeting.

### **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