

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 10 February 2021

By Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Graeme, Harvey, Ken, Mike, Natasha, Paul He, Pawel, Richard, Simon Mr, Steve

Apologies: Adam, Keon, Lucy, Phoebe, Sophie

Constitution

Revisions to the constitution had been proposed and extensively discussed in the previous two meetings. A consolidated list of agreed changes and the complete proposed text were circulated prior to this meeting. The revised constitution was accepted unanimously by the 14 members present for immediate effect. **Action:** *Cy to update the website*

Dates

At the previous meeting we had discussed the dates, including potential fallback options in the event that it is still unsafe to ride on 12 June. It was agreed that there would be slippage dates for July, August and September, the cancellation decision to be made one month prior to the target date. This has been worked up into a schedule as follows:

- Wednesday 13th January, Extraordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 10th February, Extraordinary Meeting
- Wednesday 10th March, Planning Meeting
- Wednesday 14th April, Planning Meeting
- Wednesday 12th May, Meeting – *go/no go decision for 12th June*
- Friday 4th June to Friday 11th June – pre-ride online and other pre-ride activities
- Saturday 5th June, Test Ride
- Wednesday 9th June, Meeting – ride preparation or *go/no go decision for 10th July*
- Saturday 12th June, planned date for ride and afterparty or online replacements
- Saturday 10th July – alternative ride date #1
- Wednesday 14th July – meeting – debrief or *go/no go decision for 14th August*
- Wednesday 11th August - meeting – debrief or ride prep or *go/no go decision for 11th September*
- Saturday 14th August – alternative ride date #2
- Wednesday 8th September – ride prep or debrief if required
- Saturday 11th September – alternative ride date #3
- Wednesday 13th October – debrief if required

The date of 12th June was made public in August when we cancelled the 2020 ride. There was a discussion whether to postpone the 2021 ride to the end of the summer, but, as no one can predict what might happen, it was agreed that it is too early to say, so we should stay with the current target and slippage dates. The date should be referred to as “provisional”.

Harvey made the point that our target date is later than this year’s Bike Week so the ride could not be covered by Bike Week insurance. Cy said that, based on the latest version of their insurance, it is probably inadequate for our needs, which is why the WNBR UK fund has been arranging insurance for all UK rides.

Potential start points and leaders

Hyde Park: As was discussed last time, many members feel Hyde Park is a problematic start with too many spectators and problems with park authorities. Luigi was not at the meeting so we do not have a view from the regular HP ride leader. Adam had indicated that iBikeLondon would be able to provide marshals for the HP start – it is their preferred start for the music bikes. If we stopped having an HP start, would need a marshal to redirect people who would come to HP out of habit.

Action: *do not advertise the HP start or publicise its cancellation until we have agreed with HP ride leaders.*

Accessible start: Ken is leading on this. There was a wide-ranging discussion of the issues. The route needs to be determined and trialled. This would include determining what problems may be encountered regarding cobbles, and other obstacles as well as the ease of the route. The route should also be one that is not disrupted by a slower pace. The ride itself needs a leader as Ken is leading the Victoria Park start. It was suggested that the ride would need extra marshals to make sure that if anyone got into trouble, they could be assisted without taking too many marshals away from the group. Someone needs to be at the start to provide a welcome, help, reassurance etc to joiners as they wait for the start. This does not have to be a WNBR participant; it could be a WNBR friend. Greeters can keep clothed if desired. There was some discussion of how comfortable some people on the accessible ride are with nudity and the group was reminded that the motto is bare as you dare. Agreed that accessible riders could have something like a coloured flag to help with keeping the group together and easily spotting anyone who got separated in the crowd. Agreed – we should not publicise this until the details are clear.

Actions:

- *Ken to work on planning the accessible ride option*
- *Ken to identify who could lead the group on the day*
- *Ken will contact Cycles For All (who make accessible bikes available) and 4 or 5 other groups to see if they have people happy to help with accessible start as their volunteers are all keen cyclists*
- *Ken, Graeme and any other volunteers to trial the route and options*
- *All to keep a lookout for people to marshal/steward accessible ride*

Afterparty

Dave S has contacted all the venues that have been suggested. Brixton Jamm and Magic Garden have responded positively but the others seem uninterested. Brixton Jamm apologised for being out of contact and want to know if the ride is going ahead this year. There was an enthusiastic response from Magic Garden (where we held the afterparty in 2018). They are keen to host the afterparty and would do it as an exclusive event - we should not share the venue as this led to problems in the past. Cy observed that our problems in 2018 were also a question of communications. The owner's enthusiasm and promises did not seem to have been adequately conveyed to the staff, and we were also unaware of the arrangements that had been made.

Action: *Dave to pursue the offer from Magic Garden, making sure we have exclusive access for the time we arrive (but not necessarily later in the evening).*

Action: *Dave to ask Brixton Jamm for our money back, but don't burn any bridges just in case.*

#NotTheWorldNakedBikeRide and online activities

The group of members who volunteered to take this forward had a good meeting on Zoom. There is a lot of enthusiasm for this whether or not the ride is cancelled. If we do not ride on 12 June, we should have replacement online activities for the ride and afterparty. We should also plan activities for the days before the ride. Successful activities from 2020 can be done again and members should also think about additional/new things to do. An online event might be done on a different day – the night before for example. Ken is planning to do a flag-making party; it was agreed that the flag-making party could be part of a NotWNBR event.

Action: *everyone to think of ideas for great activities this year.*

Web and Social media

We are still looking for more active volunteers with the right experience.

Marshalling – guidance, training and briefing

The team has not yet got together to discuss this. **Action:** *Paul He, Simon Mr, Keon, Sophie, Cy to consider what to do.*

Harvey has arranged first aid training for marshals for Saturday 22nd May at Oakwood Sun Club - 10am start. We agreed that the fee should be paid from WNBR funds. Harvey said certification documents might not come through before ride. **Action:** *reserve in diaries.*

Royal Parks and Police Liaison

Royal Parks liaison is on hold until we confirm whether there is to be a Hyde Park start.

The Police liaison team has not yet met to agree actions. **Action:** *Ian, Ken and Cy to work out how to take this forward.*

Any Other Business

Dave W said the Croydon start needs to be earlier than advertised – it should be 13:00. **Action:** *Cy to update online*. A route has been worked out that will avoid the Croydon Mosque and Dave W will test it when he is able to.

Action: Dave S *will investigate getting body paint*.

Richard had investigated whether WNBR London could get a credit card. The bank said no.

Heart Radio asked WNBR London to record a surprise 50th birthday message for Amanda Holden, following our previous appearance on her breakfast show to publicise the ride. This was agreed and done.
