

## Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 9 June 2021  
By Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Harvey, Ian, Ken, Keon, Mike, Paul He, Paul Ho, Natasha

**Apologies:** Sophie

### Minutes

The draft minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and agreed.

### Lockdown schedule and impact on dates

We need a relaxation of the lockdown rules to allow more than 30 people to gather. The Government has postponed that relaxation until at least 19<sup>th</sup> July, so we cannot yet be sure whether we can ride on 14<sup>th</sup> August. It is likely that the Government will have made an announcement at latest a week ahead, so by the next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July we should have the information we need to make a go/no go decision for 14<sup>th</sup> August.

### Police Liaison

Ian and Ken have sent an email to City of London Police which includes draft routes and a request for assistance at the Bishopsgate traffic lights. They are waiting for a response.

Having received no significant response from the Met we considered an application via their events webpage. Cy and Ian both said they would look at the application. We should use the Telegram group for Police Liaison that Ken set up. The application potentially implies this is an 'event' rather than a processional protest, so there was concern that the police could refuse permission if they treat it as an event. **Action: Cy, Ian and Ken**

### Royal Parks Liaison

Richard was not present so Cy related that we have lodged our request to use Hyde Park on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Richard had discussed our plans with them and been informed that they were making provisional allocations that week, so we rushed in our application. There is no similar mechanism for Regents Park as they do not authorise use of the park (which is why we have taken to starting roadside rather than in the park).

### Buddying

Natasha described the buddy initiative. Up to now she has been inviting people who are new or nervous to join the TH start. She acts as a friendly face to ensure people are comfortable and feel safe on the ride. As there is an interest in attracting more new people who may benefit from having a buddy, Nat wants to expand the buddying to all starts. Suggestions: pair up an experienced woman rider with a new woman rider; have identified riders at each start who will be responsible for meeting and assisting new riders to help them feel safe and confident. Nat will be the conduit for new riders and will be the gatekeeper. Cy and Barbara to draft buddy publicity and provide link to Nat's FB page.

**Action: Natasha, Barbara and Cy**

### **Afterparty – 14 August**

Dave S thanked Ken for providing contacts. Dave S has identified a venue, Islington Metal Works, for the party. They want us. They have a room for bikes. It is a two-space venue that will hold 200 max with social distancing or 350 without. They also have security and would be open until 11pm. The full deal would be £15 a head but Dave has agreed a price of £8 to include a drink and a limited choice of food to include a meat and a vegan/veggie option. A cloakroom could be provided at the cost of £2 per head. There was general consensus that people would probably like a cloakroom so that their clothing etc could be left safely. Dave said there is a deposit (modest) and the contract includes its being returned if the event is Covid cancelled.

**Action:** *Mike and Cy to look over contract before it is signed.*

### **#NotTheWorldNakedBikeRide**

Zoom-In speakers are now all confirmed. Keon has a timing conflict and needs to move his slot. We proposed that he starts at 16:20 and that the 'what have you been doing today instead of riding in London' slot be moved up.

**Action:** *Cy to confirm that Charlotte, Rosy, and Ruby can do the new time then update the schedule.*

**Action:** *Mike and Cy to test the technology for the day at the rehearsal on Thursday, 10th June.*

**Action:** *Cy - we agreed to give the zoom links to all on helpers list, whether or not they signed up.*

The photo competition has not had many entries so far. Anything anyone can do to encourage more photo entries and more people to sign up to the day – please do. Cy reported there is a muted response to the Zoom-In this year – last year had 351 and this year only 128 have signed up so far.

**Action:** *Cy will direct more publicity at cycling people on social media.*

### **Flag-making event**

Ken has found a venue for this - the Shakespeare pub in the Barbican. The publican only wants a guarantee of custom. It will be held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> August from mid-afternoon to evening. Ken would like eco-friendly paint.

**Action:** *Cy to create Facebook event, a page on our website and publicity posts/tweets.*

### **First Aid Training (10<sup>th</sup> July)**

The first aid training is oversubscribed, but we expect some people to be unavailable. The final list of attendees is to be decided.

### **Any Other Business**

Ken asked about date of test ride as it will conflict with other re-scheduled WNBR rides. It is usually the Saturday before the ride. The general consensus was to keep to the usual timing.

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