

## Minutes of an Additional Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 21 July 2021  
By Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in *red*)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Harvey, Ian, Ken, Natasha, Paul He, Paul Ho, Sophie

**Apologies:** Mike

This additional meeting was called to continue detailed planning for the ride.

### Updates

Bike Hire – our regular arrangement with London Bicycle Tour Company is confirmed for 2021. The special deal for WNBR is £16 for bike hire with a WNBR seat cover.

Hyde Park – Richard and Cy have a Teams meeting with the Royal Parks on Fri 23 July to confirm start arrangements. (Update: 23/7 3pm, arrangements confirmed.)

Ride Insurance – Rob Jordan has arranged public liability insurance for all registered UK WNBR rides. A copy of the insurance certificate will be in the marshal packs; public liability is \$5m.

Body Painting – Paul He has an interested contact; Dave W's contact is not doing body painting during Covid. We have concerns about how to make it Covid safe. We also do not want walk-in sessions at the starts as we are discouraging hanging around. We should encourage people to arrive already painted. Some painting by private arrangement might be OK if the parties are comfortable with it.

Flag Party – Ken said there is a plan A and a plan B; Ken will be going ahead with plan A although it is not yet confirmed in writing by the venue. **Action: *Ken to resolve.***

Fettle – Fettle, the bike maintenance company would like to do a partnership deal. They are offering a discount code for WNBR to have bikes serviced before the ride. They are offering repair stations along the way; LIF would seem most likely place for this. They have bike shops close to Hyde Park and in Shoreditch which are open on Saturdays. It is unclear whether the ride-day assistance would be free or a paid service; if free it might be an idea to ask for donations to WNBR. **Action: *Dave S to confirm.***

### Covid Safety Advice and Approach

We confirmed the Covid-19 precautions as agreed in principle at the previous meeting.

Short stay starts – advertise time to assemble as just 15 minutes before riding. There should not be any WNBR organised socialising activities as part of the start process (but some participants may arrive early).

No waiting around – groups should not wait for other groups to arrive. Rest stops should be only around 10 mins – enough time to use cafes and toilets. It is not a problem if groups meet up and move off together but this will not be planned in advance. At the finish riders should be encouraged to get dressed and leave. Ride leaders taking people back to the start will need to have clear communications re where they will be waiting for group.

Masks and hand sanitiser – encourage use of masks when not riding; encourage use of hand sanitiser; each ride leader to have some spare masks and hand sanitiser for riders; suggested that leader might have a large bottle of sanitiser and fill smaller bottles for riders or supply small bottles. WNBR will reimburse for the costs of hand sanitiser and masks. ENCOURAGE ALL RIDERS TO BRING OWN MASKS AND HAND SANITISER; the leaders' supply would provide a back up. **Action:** *at least one marshal at each start to take sanitised and masks.*

Press release – will include Covid Safety advice and will go out when the timings are confirmed. **Action:** *Cy.*

## **Routes and Timing**

Implication of not waiting for the whole ride at FMS – all marshals must know the whole route. Cy will incorporate route information into the marshals' pack as it is not possible to know who might end up in front. **Action:** *Cy.*

Kew Bridge and Clapham Junction – it is still the intention for these groups to join up. Ian and Mike will sort Kew meeting up with Clapham Junction. The timings will reflect this.

Route – Covent Garden may be out of bounds as it seems to be blocked off. We will find out at the test ride.

FMS and LIF – groups should check in with Hub as they arrive so that there is overall tracking of ride progress.

Victoria Park/Accessible Ride – Ken will plan for VP to arrive early enough to pick up the Accessible Ride starters at FMS. Accessible ride then goes to LIF. VP ride will start earlier to meet Accessible Ride early as they will probably be slower than most groups. Someone to be at Accessible start to help out, meet and greet – could be one of the non-cycling stewards.

Non-cycling stewards – usually at Whitehall or Trafalgar Square to alert ride to any demos or hold ups.

VP – will not merge with Tower Hill, will avoid a route that goes past TH.

Deptford – will also avoid TH start and will modify route – which bridges they use.

## Police

Ian has sent in Metropolitan Police form and received acknowledgement email. Various attempts made to make contact with a real person but not successful yet. Ian made point that no trouble with police in past who have been friendly/professional when contact required. City Police have us in their plan. Ian had not heard back from Graeme about his contact in the Met. Dave W suggested messaging them on Twitter – **Action: *Ian and Ken.*** Maybe try to contact Met through another route (PR department, eg) sometime in the autumn. Efforts continuing,

## Test Ride(s)

Test Ride will be 7 August. Ken needs someone else to do it for VP; Cy had a new marshal volunteer and will put Ken in touch. Dave S will be in Ibiza. Paul He is not sure he can do date. Sophie to ask Gav to do for her and Dom may also do it. WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT DO THE RIDE ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SHOULD ARRANGE TO DO ANOTHER TIME AND REPORT BACK. On test ride should meet in usual way and do the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> legs together as all groups do these. Cy to bring arm bands and merchandise (saddle covers etc) that we need at starts.

## Communications and Tracking

We agreed to use Life360 to track rides and WhatsApp for messaging. These need to be tried out on the test ride. The apps use up power so bring extra chargers. Hub will monitor them. Hub will also have mobile numbers to phone and text if required. **IMPORTANT:** *Anyone who can't use one or both of the technologies should make this clear to Hub so Hub can keep in touch.*

Hub would like one person on each ride to be the point person for comms – an ear piece to get phone calls or message alerts, please. Hub is basically there if something goes wrong so needs to be able to contact the groups. **Action: *start leaders to agree who does main comms.***

## Afterparty

Although we agreed WNBR London would not organise an afterparty, Dave S reported that the bar was still open and happy to receive any of our participants after the ride. This would not be organised or ticketed by us but we might find a way to communicate the offer to our participants. **Action: *Dave S to confirm.***