

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 12 January 2022
by Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in **RED**)

Present: Barbara, Chierol, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Graeme, Ian, Joe, Katie, Ken, Mike, Natasha, Pawel, Ray, Sarah, Simon Mr.

Apologies: Dan, Gav, Harvey, Paul He., Richard, Sophie

Introductions

Everyone was invited to say who they were, what their experience of the ride was, and why they had come along.

Treasurers' report

WNBR London has three treasurers: Cy, Richard and Dave S. Cy summarised the 2021 donations, costs and remaining funds. He explained that we don't publish the treasurer's report or other financial information. Donations in 2021 exceeded costs so there had been a modest increase in funds. Hyde Park did not charge a road closure fee this year as the road was already closed. WNBR UK picked up insurance expenses. Expenses included armbands, social media, web content, and expenses for body painting. There was no afterparty income or expenditure in 2021. The current bank balance is adequate unless we take on more costly expenses such as venue hire or security. We have previously agreed that WNBR London should pay a fair share of the national WNBR UK insurance cost.

Cy, Richard and Dave S agreed to continue as treasurers in the absence of any new people coming forward. Their election was agreed unanimously.

Date of ride 2022

It was agreed that the ride should take place on 11 June 2022. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be taking place the previous weekend, which might increase tourist traffic in London during the whole month. This might affect the test ride in particular and the route in general.

Action: *Cy to communicate on social media etc, with the reservation that we cannot yet be 100% certain given the pandemic, jubilee, new legislation etc.*

Action: *Dave W will kick off the police liaison activities immediately.*

Meetings for 2022

It was agreed that meetings will take place the 2nd Wednesday of each month including the second Wednesday in June which will be in the week preceding the ride. A debrief meeting would be held in July.

Action: *update website with meeting dates.*

Start points and leaders:

- Clapham Junction – Mike
- Croydon – Dave W (*confirm with Derek that the start point will be available*)
- Deptford – Sophie expects to lead on planning but is not certain whether she will be available on the day. Gav and Graeme are happy to assist.
- Hyde Park – Dave S (we have not yet heard from Luigi this year)
- Kew Bridge – Ian
- Regents Park – Harvey, Simon Mr
- Tower Hill – Natasha
- Victoria Park – Ken
- Accessible start – to be confirmed – Ken

Recap on Feedback

Extensive feedback was collated and discussed at length in the 2021 debrief meeting. Key points were recapped for consideration at this meeting.

- Harassment, intrusive photography and bad behaviour at starts, rest points and end points;
- More guidance, briefings and training for marshals, stewards and first aiders; (guidance was published but many marshals did not attend the Zoom briefing);
- Effective communication of guidance for participants (many of the recurrent problems are already addressed in rules and tips we publish through multiple channels),
- Better police liaison.

It was agreed to set up teams to take these on. We expect to see progress reported at every collective meeting. Volunteers were as follows though additional members are very welcome (some of whom were not at the meeting):

- **Finish arrangements and afterparty** – if the ride can end at the afterparty this could resolve the harassment issue at the end of the ride. Venues currently being looked at include The Vaults and Electrowerkz. Other ideas included Candid Arts (next door to Electrowerkz), Vinegar Yard, Magic Garden, Waterloo Action Centre, IKLECTIK at Old Paradise Yard, Testbed One behind Doodle Bar, Brixton Jamm. The team can consider investing in hire fees if necessary. **Team:** *Dave S (lead), Sarah, Ken, Simon Mr, Graeme.*
- **Guidance/rules/training for marshals** including responsibilities eg marshalling lasts throughout the length of the ride including the finish, harassment, how to manage corking. The team will review, revise and augment current guidance. **Team:** *Cy (lead), Joe, Simon Mr, Ken.*
- **Communications** – including getting messaging right for various constituencies, social media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Vimeo), website, mailing list, press releases, requests for interviews, etc. Should we have something on TikTok? **Team:** *Cy (lead), Paul He (Instagram), Chierol, Mike, Pawel (WordPress).*
- **Police Liaison** – **Team:** *Dave W (lead), Joe (consult on local councils), Ian, Cy, Ken.*

AOB

Dave S is being filmed for a programme on Channel 5 re body positivity. He will be riding his unicycle. Phoebe is also involved.

Harvey and Ken are talking about starting a WNBR Romford ride. This would not be part of WNBR London.

The WhatsApp group people have been using was formed for marshals to use in preparation and co-ordination on the ride. We should have a separate group for the collective. **Action:** Cy

Everyone was invited to give feedback on the meeting – positive, friendly, focussed, good to see new people!

2022 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be at 7:30pm by Zoom until further notice.

- Wednesday 12th January, planning meeting
- Wednesday 9th February, planning meeting
- Wednesday 9th March, planning meeting
- Wednesday 13th April, planning meeting
- Wednesday 11th May, planning meeting
- Saturday 4th June, test ride (tbc)
- Wednesday 8th June, planning meeting
- Saturday 11th June, ride day
- Wednesday 13th July, debrief meeting