

**Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective**  
Wednesday 9 February 2022  
by Zoom Videoconference

(Action items in **RED**)

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dan, Dave S, Dave W, Gav, Graeme, Harvey, Ian, Joe, Katie, Ken, Luigi, Paul He, Pawel, Sarah, Sophie

Apologies: Mike, Natasha, Ray, Richard, Simon Mr

### **Police Liaison**

Dave W submitted forms to the Met and The City of London Police using last year's participant numbers and routes. We have proposed Zoom meetings with them. The City of London Police responded asking us about stewarding at Tower Hill. We had also asked them for an escort at Bishopsgate to which they have not replied. CoLP are happy with how we manage things. In effect, the onus for keeping the ride safe is with the organisers. There is one difficult crossing that WNBR would like help with.

**Action:** *We should consider the difficult crossing which is opposite the police station on Bishopsgate. Dave W and Ken will take this outside the meeting to discuss the junction, police assistance, alternative routes, corking, etc.*

### **Parks**

Cy has contacted the Royal Parks about the Hyde Park start and also the possibility of a finish in the same place. They have not yet responded. The police contact for the parks said they don't need to be involved and will make sure people know about it.

### **Guidance – Rules and Behaviour**

A team has been convened. Cy has trawled the relevant information that we broadcast and shared the extracts for the team to familiarise themselves with our current guidance and communications channels. Good communication is essential if the guidance is to be effective.

**Action:** *The team is reviewing what we have and will then get together to discuss.*

**Action:** *Sophie and Sarah volunteered to join the team*

### **Accessible Start**

**Action:** *Ken to head up and pull together a team.*

### **Afterparty**

- Electrowerkz is busy on ride day; but could do the 18<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed we should not change the date of the ride for the sake of the afterparty venue.
- WAC in Waterloo said no.
- Magic Garden is not keen and has a 300 max capacity.
- Vaults are good and have space but the last time they quoted a hire cost it was in the thousands.
- Vinegar Yard is closing soon so might be amenable to nudity.
- Hyde Park – Dave S raised the possibility of a cordoned off area and a shade cloth; this would deal with the photographer problem. We might consider ending at the park and have a party there but this would probably incur significant costs.

There are two issues which might be addressed: a safer finish and an afterparty. The idea to combine the two is attractive but might not be feasible. We would like to treat the ticketing for the afterparty as a fund raiser, as in previous years.

**Action:** *all to feed Dave S any venue suggestions.*

### **Communications, web and social media**

We have started expanding the number of people working on this. Pawel has made updates to the website. Cy has been keeping hackers at bay and has enabled two-factor authentication for editing the website. Paul He is helping on Instagram. We need more people involved. It is very important to get the messaging right.

**Action:** *Need more volunteers to join the team and help out!*

### **Online events**

We should consider a pre-ride online event.

**Action:** *an enthusiastic team would be needed to take this offline and work up ideas.*

### **Starts – update**

VP: Ken: all good, toilet break in the pub again.

Croydon: Dave W: Derek is happy for us to use his property for the start again and also to return there for a bring-your-own-food barbecue.

All start leaders confirmed we are ready to publish the Facebook events.

**Action:** *Cy to post events.*

### **AOB**

For future discussion: how the ride will proceed, whether to resume rendezvousing at the rest points. Hub should be involved in that conversation.