

## Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

by Zoom Videoconference

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Eccentric, Harvey, John, Norm, Simon Mr, Sophie, Willoh

**Apologies:** Ian, Mike, Natasha,

(Action items in *red*)

### Starts

CJ, Cr, HW, TH, WA are all believed to be OK. Dave S will not be available for the test ride but is OK to lead WA.

We are still awaiting a response from the new people at Deptford. Sophie is pursuing them.

**Action:** *ongoing - Sophie*

KB – Ian is worried that Elle hasn't replied to any communications. Ian is not certain he can do it so we may need a backup leader.

**Action:** *Ian, Elle*

RP – Harvey is thinking about a different start location which is an unused cul de sac with a barrier shutting it off. To use it we would need to get the barrier opened.

**Action:** *Harvey and Simon Mr to establish whether and how we could use it.*

We discussed the accessible start which was problematic in 2024 as it drew many unhappy onlookers and photographers even though the plan was not to undress at that location. On balance we agreed that if the participants stay dressed until the main ride arrives it would be better to revert to the start at the first rest point. It was also suggested we do not advertise the location – interested riders would need to ask us for the details.

### Safer starts and stops

Still no good suggestion. Ongoing actions:

**Action:** *Eccentric to approach Thingy re a testimonial. All to think about how to find new venues.*

### Communications Hub

No progress. Eccentric will ask some people who might be interested.

**Action:** *ongoing – Eccentric, Barbara and Graeme.*

### Tracking

No progress.

**Action:** *ongoing - Eccentric, Barbara, Graeme, John, Cy*

## Security

MK is happy to provide a professional security team again this year. Feedback from 2024 was that the security at the starts was very useful. They could have been better at the finish – more proactively spotting the potential problem areas. We anticipate using the same size of team as last year.

**Action:** *Eccentric to continue to liaise and communicate our requirements*

## Communications and messaging

Sophie has not had the time to look at the website or mailing. She will concentrate on the newsletter.

**Action:** *Sophie and Cy to discuss and make it happen*

Eccentric volunteered to become a Facebook author.

**Action:** *Cy, Eccentric*

## Police Liaison

We should get our initial submission in to the Police. Include Deptford. Routes will be similar to 2023 rather than 2024 when we had to put in many diversions.

**Action:** *Dave W*

## First Aid training

Low take up so far: Mike, Ian and Tom(marshal) plus his wife as a guest. Julian said yes but then realised he was not available. There is no minimum number to proceed. Dave S and Eccentric said they would go. Willoh and Cy said they would go if they have a solution for transport – maybe organise something with Dave S.

**Action:** *Cy to give a fresh blast to marshals.*

## Pre-party and Afterparty

Eccentric has not yet started looking for venues. We should not use the same venue as last year. Thingy Café might be a possibility but it is not a central location. We should probably pitch it more as a social event, maybe with some sign making, rather than a flag making event.

**Action:** *Eccentric*

Dave S has checked out several venues but they have all said no so far. He has some other ideas and will continue to search. Suggestions from the meeting included Candid Arts, Matchstick Piehouse, and Brixton Jamm. Collective members are encouraged to seek alternative venues and ideas.

**Action:** *Dave S to shout out to marshals. All to think about potential venues and forms of entertainment.*

## Barefoot

We had a zoom discussion on 26<sup>th</sup> February at which we concluded that the Barefoot video does not align with our ethics and themes. We should not collaborate with them in the future (although they are able to film on the day just like any other third party can).

**Action:** *Norm to feed back to Barefoot.*

## Date of next meeting

Wednesday - 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm. Dave S will be in the chair. Harvey will be the Zoom Master.