

## Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

by Zoom Videoconference

**Present:** Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Graeme, Harvey, Ian, John, Natasha, Roberto, Simon Mr

**Apologies:** Mike, Norm, Sophie

(Action items in *red*)

### Starts

Confirmed we will give the coffee shop at FMS as the accessible start assembly point. Participants will be told not to undress until the main ride arrives.

RP will not use the suggested new location and will stick with the usual one.

Elle has confirmed she will lead KB.

**Action:** *Elle and Ian to confirm route and test ride arrangements.*

Sophie has persuaded the new tenants at Deptford to host the start. She will confirm and check the details ASAP. Once we have that fixed, we can advertise the details for all starts.

**Action:** *Sophie to confirm Deptford details*

### Safer starts and stops

We had a suggestion to use the Yurt Café as a start. We might look at that next year.

Ongoing actions:

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

John suggested we re-apply to use HP next year straight after this year's ride and potentially use that a basis for a formal complaint.

### Police liaison

Dave W has submitted the initial routes and timings to the Met and CoLP. CoLP have acknowledged. He will chase the Met. One of the local Met contacts responded.

Any adjustments to planned routes must be remitted via Dave W.

### Communications Hub

No progress in finding new volunteers, who should ideally be younger and tech savvy. Eccentric will ask some people who might be interested.

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

### Insurance

The meeting authorised our 50% contribution to the WNBR UK Insurance, being acquired by Rob J.

## Tracking

Via the WhatsApp group, some of the team tried out the new WhatsApp tracking functionality. It worked OK on phones but does not work on the PC application. This would not be a good solution for Hub where we need to track several people in different locations. Possibly we could get her a tablet to use.

Last year we used Google Maps, which worked but was not good at keeping up with movement of multiple people in real time.

We want suggestions of approaches that might work for testing.

**Action:** *all to submit suggestions, ongoing - Eccentric, Barbara, Graeme, John, Cy to decide*

## Security

Eccentric was not present to give an update.

We need to give better direction about providing a safer space at starts where the security team can dissuade bad behaviour by onlookers and photographers. We need to give better guidance about actively patrolling the finish area to look for clusters of people behaving inappropriately.

The meeting agreed the sub-group to discuss detailed guidance for the security team would include Eccentric, Dave S and Cy.

**Action:** *Eccentric, Dave S, Cy to discuss and generate guidance, requirements and plans.*

## Communications and messaging

Sophie produced her first newsletter mailing and will produce more editions to promote the ride.

Social media should now be hotting up. Roberto may have some useful content from Manchester. Paul He was very good on Instagram last year. Dave S will contact him to see if he will help.

**Action:** *Dave S*

Eccentric was invited to become a Facebook author.

**Action:** *Eccentric*

## Bike Hire

LBTC have given us a discount code for 2025. The details have been placed on the website and posted on social media.

Other bike hire details on the website merit review.

**Action:** *Dave S*

## First Aid training

We have filled the First Aid training places.

**Action:** *Cy to circulate details to attendees.*

## **Pre-party and Afterparty**

No update on a pre-party. Dave S suggested one of the venues we considered for the afterparty, Ladybird at Angel, might be good.

**Action:** *Dave S / Eccentric*

Dave S has looked at several possible venues but not yet found anywhere that is appropriate and available. Candid Arts may be good. Ladybird could only handle 200 people and there is no good bike parking there. Brixton Jamm is fully booked. Collective members are still encouraged to seek alternative venues and ideas.

**Action:** *Dave S.*

Dave S is keen to handle the entertainment directly rather than using an external organiser.

## **Ride week timetable**

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June will be the test ride
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June will be the Collective meeting to finalise and agree everything!
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June will be the marshals' briefing by Zoom
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> we will issue the link for the recording of the briefing and also send out the marshals' pack.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June is the ride and hopefully afterparty

**Action:** *Cy to update website*

## **Date of next meeting**

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