

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday, 14th January 2026

by Zoom Videoconference

Present: Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Eccentric, Giulio, Harvey, Ian, Joe, John, Kevin, Mike, Norm, Willoh

Apologies: Natasha

(Action items in *red*)

Treasurers' Report for 2025

WNBR London's finances are healthy and strong enough to support increased investment in 2026. There has been a substantial rise in funds available. Donations remained good and the afterparty was financially very successful despite considerably higher costs for the venue, entertainment and staffing. Other significant costs were the professional security personnel, insurance, restocking of seat covers, armbands and handout cards.

Appointment of Officers: Treasurers for 2026

In accordance with the constitution, the meeting agreed unanimously to re-appoint the treasurers, Richard, Dave S and Cy, who will therefore act as officers of WNBR London.

Meeting Schedule

The meeting agreed that it was best to be flexible with the day of the week so that people with regular weekly commitments are not always unable to attend. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday 11th February.

We discussed a suggestion that Jitsi might be a better platform as it does not depend on the availability of those individuals with a paid Zoom account – Harvey and Kevin. It was agreed we should test it first.

Action: *Mike to create a Jitsi meeting where members can try it out.*

Starts, leaders and routes

Mike will continue to lead CJ.

Dave W confirmed the Croydon venue will be available again.

Sophie was not present and we have no information about the availability of the Deptford venue. Giulio said he would be able to lead or assist this start group.

Action: *Cy to contact Sophie for an update.*

Eccentric confirmed the HW venue remains enthusiastic and has already been booked. Eccentric will organise the start but does not plan to lead. Joe will be the ride leader.

Ian cannot guarantee to be available for KB. We have not heard from Elle whether she wishes to lead again. In the circumstances it would be good to find an additional deputy ride leader.

Action: *Cy to contact Elle for an update.*

Harvey has had his hip replacement and the doctors have cleared him to ride, so he will resume leadership of RP. It would be good to find a strong deputy for him.

Norm affirmed that Natasha will lead TH again, with Norm assisting.

Dave S confirmed he will lead WA again.

We remain keen to identify new, safe starts, preferably on private property. Kevin suggested the SET Social club in Peckham which has suitable indoor and outdoor space. It might also be suitable for a party.

Action: *Kevin to investigate the potential use of SET Social.*

Several observations about potential finishes were made. WA tends to be chaotic with large numbers of riders and spectators, some of whom exhibit unwelcome behaviours such as intrusive photography and video making. As well as WA, in some years we have used Green Park as an unpublicised, secluded finish. Although this greatly reduced intrusion, some participants felt that being in the trees was less comfortable than being out in the open. We will consider potential locations and approaches.

Action: *All to consider finish locations and approaches for discussion at the February meeting.*

Kevin was keen to improve the appropriate participation of sound and party bikes. Some of them are the same people who do so on iBikeLondon, who used to participate on these meetings. We should try to bring them back to the table.

Communications

After several years Barbara has stepped down from the role of communications hub. The meeting wishes to thank her for her work and suggested we organise a leaving present.

Eccentric has volunteered to take on the role and has some helpers lined up. They will initially be based at HW so that Eccentric can oversee the start as well as manging the hub.

There were concerns that Google tracking dropped out for most riders during the ride. We need to examine best apps and approaches early in the year so that it can be thoroughly evaluated in good time.

Eccentric has set up a WhatsApp community which groups together our individual WhatsApp subgroups. Members can apply to join other discussions if they wish to do so.

Police liaison

Dave W emphasized that we should submit draft routes to the Met and CoLP by the end of February.

Afterparty and pre-party

The team will include Dave S, Eccentric, Norm and Kevin. Norm would be happy to continue to lead on the life drawing session if we do it again.

Dave S will take another look at The Vaults as he is keen to have somewhere we can ride into – however, in the past it has seemed prohibitively expensive.

The same team will consider a pre-party. Last year we did not set one up.

Everyone is encouraged to identify possible venues for a pre-party of maybe around 100 people and an afterparty for 400 to 600.

Security

Our team will include Eccentric leading with Cy, Joe and Giulio.

We have not yet spoken about details with MK who runs the professional security team, but she is keen to continue in 2026.

Action: *Eccentric to make contact and confirm*

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 11th February at 7:30pm

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