

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Tuesday, 2nd April 2026
by Zoom Videoconference

Present: Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Harvey, Ian, Joe, John, Mike, Norm,

Apologies: Sophie, Willoh

(Action items in *red*)

Starts and routes

All start locations are set to run as per last year. Elle has still not confirmed whether she will lead KB. Ian expects to be available for KB. John and Giulio will assist Harvey at RP with a view to potentially taking over in future years.

Action: *All start leaders to review the website details for their starts.*

Natasha and Norm will be exploring route changes but the TH start is confirmed. Following Harvey's suggestion, RP, WA and TH might revert to the direct route via Whitehall instead of the backstreet wiggle.

Action: *all to confirm any changed route details to Dave W for submission to police.*

There have been no suggestions or discussions in the WhatsApp sub-group about merged route changes. We are open to suggestions about route changes, but, by default, we will plan on the basis of 2025 routes unless there are agreed alterations.

Action: *Any suggestions for change should be submitted and discussed in the WhatsApp sub-group.*

Following last month's discussions, we debated timing and agreed to work to a schedule that will overall be 30 minutes earlier than last year.

Action: *Cy will propose the detailed start schedule for review by ride leaders and then publication.*

Marshalling

The marshalling sub-group have produced a draft final version of their recommendations. These will be baked into the marshal guidance and briefing materials.

Action: *all to read the guidance and feed back any concerns*

Hub and Tracking

Eccentric was not in attendance and had not sent in an update about tracking and comms. We need to identify and test options. We need to ensure rear marshals are tracked and in communication. Dave S will do some research.

Action: *ongoing - Eccentric to set up a test group for tracking and comms.*

Security

No update this month.

Action: *ongoing - Eccentric & security sub-group.*

PreParty and AfterParty

There has been no update re a PreParty.

Dave S has a firm proposal for the afterparty at The Steel Yard, which is in three large arched vaults under Cannon St station. Capacity is up to 800 people. One arch could be used for bike storage. The venue has a stage, three bars, cloakroom and in-house tech (sound and video). A mezzanine area could be used for a protected space. The hire fee would be £1500 plus VAT. We would use external catering with a minimum spend of £1000. We also anticipate paying for security, ticket checkers and entertainers. Timing will be similar to last year (eg doors open 6pm, first activity 7pm, main show in two halves at 8pm and 9pm). Ticketing and pricing strategy will be similar to last year.

Action: *Dave S to set up a viewing and go forward with contracting.*

We will need to submit the onward ride route for the afterparty.

Action: *Dave S / Dave W*

Publicity

We will ramp up publicity after we have concluded on start details and timing. We will publish details using the website, social media, press release and newsletter. We agreed to hold the initial release until we can confirm the AfterParty details.

Action: *Cy*

Next Meetings

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 6th May chaired by Dave S.

The test ride will be Sunday 7th June, using the same locations, routes and timing as planned for the ride. Ian will test the CJ leg as well as KB, so Mike does not need to travel in. Dave S cannot do WA but Cy can cover it. Joe cannot make the date and hopes Eccentric can check the route.

Action: *Eccentric to confirm*

The sequence of meetings and activities in June is largely determined by dependencies.

Action: *Cy will propose the detailed schedule for June*