

Minutes of a meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Thursday, 4th June 2026
by Zoom Videoconference

Present: Andrew, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Eccentric, Giulio, Harvey, Ian, John, Natasha, Sophie, Willoh

Apologies: Norm, Roberto

(Action items in *red*)

Starts and routes

Sophie is unable to be at the Deptford start. She is trying to sort out a replacement start leader. Gavin may not be there due to family considerations. Roberto is willing to be the navigator but does not want to be the leader. We had previously mooted routing Croydon via Deptford, which could have provided a solution, but it is too late to change the start timing at Croydon. We might reconsider that for 2027.

Willoh will be in a rush to get to the Accessible Start as they have to set up the life drawing at the AfterParty venue. Andrew may be able to drive Willoh to FMS.

All routes are subject to change until the debrief from the test ride.

Test ride 7th June

- Those doing the test ride should aim to rendezvous at FMS by 3:15pm (which is the departure time for the accessible option). Armbands, seat covers and handout cards will be shared out for the starts.
- Mike has already checked CJ and Ian will be able to do that again as part of his route from KB on the test ride.
- Dave W rode the Croydon route 2 weeks ago and will also do the test ride.
- We have no plan yet for a test ride from Deptford.
- DrLove will ride from HW but cannot do the actual ride. Joe (who will be leading on the day) and Eccentric are not available.
- Harvey will do RP on the Saturday – meeting at 4pm. Giulio will be able to do it on the Sunday.
- TH route was tested on Friday. We need to ensure any convergences with Deptford and HW have been agreed
Action: *Eccentric, Joe, Natasha, Norm, Roberto, Sophie*
- Dave S and Cy had already tested WA on Sunday. They agreed to go for a new route via the Mall and Horse Guards Rd to Parliament Square. This is possible because we have moved to a Sunday and there is no conflict with ceremonial activities.

Hub, ride-day communications and tracking

Hub and various volunteers have tested tracking options. They concluded that Glympse is more accurate and will work better than Google maps. The Glympse app can be used for free. A “how-to” guide will be ready and shared soon. It will be incorporated in the info pack.

Action: *Eccentric*

We do not yet have complete information about lead and rear marshals for each start group as well as the merged ride.

Action: *Ride leaders to identify front and rear marshals for each start group.*

Ride day comms is being tested tonight using WhatsApp groups.

Police liaison

Police say they do not need to see our Risk Assessment this year.

There are new police operations contacts. They have our key contact details including Hub. We do not have details of officers on duty on ride day. Email contact will not work on ride day.

We can connect to the control room by calling 101 and asking to be put through to the Metropolitan operations room. Always quote the “EOP” reference numbers. The police like to have “what three words” location references if possible.

Police liaison information will be included in the marshals’ packs.

Action: *Dave W and Cy*

Marshalling

HW are worried about having enough marshals for good traffic management.

Giulio has been successful in recruiting some clothed marshals from other cycling activities. Most of these are planning to join for the core ride, so will meet at FMS. Willoh is start leader at FMS so they need to be aware. We also have security personnel starting and monitoring FMS.

For briefing and comms, it is important these marshals are on our marshalling list with contact details.

Action: *Giulio*

Giulio will present the revised marshalling guidance in the briefing session. It will also be included in the information pack.

Action: *Giulio and Cy*

Natasha suggested we might have a leaflet to hand out to participants, like the one from Critical Mass.

Action: *Giulio will get the latest version*

Security

There will be 11 professional security personnel supporting the ride and a further 2 at the afterparty (in addition to the venue’s own security team). Eccentric is finalising the detailed plan, which is intended to focus cover on key locations, with several personnel travelling independently of the ride to get to locations first and leave last.

We intend to be more specific in our guidance for the security team. We want them to be proactive in patrolling static locations to identify any bad behaviour by participants or onlookers.

We were surprised to discover the security firm is now registered for VAT which increases security costs by 20%.

Details of the security plan and how to contact the team will be in the marshals’ notes.

Action: *Eccentric and Cy*

Afterparty

All details and arrangements are now in place, with a cast of a DJ plus four performers, each doing two sets. It has been publicised through all our channels. Ticket sales are going well.

There is a reasonably large space for bike storage, but we have not yet identified a good way to supply bike racks – which affects the number of bikes that could safely be parked.

Action: *Dave S to look for solutions and quotes.*

There will be just one onward ride from the finish to the AfterParty, at about 5:30pm. Harvey will be ride leader for the onward ride. Security personnel will accompany the ride.

Insurance

Public liability insurance has been obtained by WNBR UK. We do not yet have a copy of the certificate.

Next Meetings

The test ride will be Sunday 7th June, using the same locations, routes and timing as planned for the ride.

A test ride debrief will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 7pm. It will lock down plans. Final updates to the plans and briefing information will be based on this meeting.

The marshals' briefing will be on Thursday 11th June at 7pm.

Following the ride on Sunday 14th June, there will be a debrief on Tuesday 16th June at 7pm.