

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Held at the Royal Festival Hall, 19:30 Thursday 17 May 2018.

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Barbara, Cy, Graeme, Harvey, Ian, Pawel, Rob, Simon

Finances

Rob reported that Derek is happy to make payments when requested and approved by the collective meetings. The reality is that he has not responded to any such requests or communications since January. This means we need to remain very frugal in our commitment of funds.

Insurance / Bike Week registration

Bike Week registration is in place. Rob J is examining insurance options for WNBR UK nationally.

Liaison with the authorities

The meeting with the Royal Parks was postponed by them several times and their communications have been slow. They kept saying they are having “internal communications”.

After several email exchanges we reflected to them our understanding of their position as follows (verbatim):

- The Royal Parks’ preferred start location within Hyde Park is on North Carriage Road, where there is a grassy area to the West of the Marble Arch roundabout.
- No objections to this start location have been raised by the Royal Parks or WNBR London.
- Regents Park management has raised objections on the grounds of peacefulness to the use of Regents Park as a muster point.
- WNBR London should respect this request and has proposed to muster nearby on Outer Circle instead.
- The Royal Parks have raised no objections to the use of Outer Circle, which, as usual, should be open to traffic including bicycles.

The collective debated these points at length and clearly the outcome is highly disappointing. The pre-ride gathering in Regents Park was a popular aspect of previous rides. It was an opportunity for enjoying the park and socialising. It was entirely peaceful. The police were very friendly – posing for photos and chatting with riders.

We also discussed a suggestion of moving the Hyde Park start to South Carriage Drive so that it is on the East-West Cycle Superhighway. It was agreed that we should stick with the North Carriage Drive start point, but go anticlockwise to pick up the EW Superhighway, thus avoiding the difficulties of Marble Arch and the right turn into Park Lane.

Ultimately, we felt obliged to adopt these conclusions as we wish to retain our friendly, co-operative and lawful relationship with the Royal Parks and police.

Start points and routes

Royal Parks start details will be adjusted as above.

We have confirmation that Dave Webster will lead the West Norwood ride, which will also offer bodypainting and post-ride BBQ.

A summary of intended routes is appended to these minutes.

Action: **Cy to update ride details to accommodate these changes and issue the press releases and social media postings.**

We have around 30 volunteer marshals. A secret FaceBook group has been set up for them to communicate.

Action: **Cy to compile a tentative list of assignments for review by leads and volunteers.**

First Aid training

The first aid training session on Saturday 19th May at Oakwood Sun Club is going ahead as planned.

Purchases

Cy procured 14 more armbands giving us 18 marshals, 2 stewards, and 5 first aids.

Our imposed austerity means we have not proceeded with any other desired expenditure, eg:

- New supply of seat covers
- WNBR hats for leaders and marshals
- Flags for us and for sale to riders
- Website hosting and domain name costs need to be reimbursed
- First Aid kits

Publicity

Tickets for the afterparty have been going well. There are some left.

Press release will go out to all known press and media contacts – 58 in total.

Social media blasts on FaceBook and Twitter will publicise final start details.

Posters have been shared and many have been put into use. There are still some available.

Handout cards were shared – all leaders and marshals are intended to encourage riders to take a few to hand out during the ride.

Additional ride

The community processional opportunity later in the year is going ahead, although no significant progress has been made since the last meeting.

Ride-day command and control

Ride day comms will work using mobile phones, through the marshals' FB group, FB messenger, text messages, or phone calls. Barbara will be the non-riding co-ordinator who can assimilate input and

summarise progress plus deal with any issues. Probably the ride leader should have a marshal to be their communicator so they can communicate without needing to stop the ride. The proposed methods should be tested on the test ride.

Action: ride leaders and marshals need to have a waterproof phone cover.

Next meeting: will be the test ride on 2nd June. All start locations, timings and routes should be the same as the plan for the actual ride.

Meeting dates:

Reminder: meetings will follow the usual pattern of the third Thursday of the month at 19:30 at RFH (unless otherwise agreed):

1. Thursday 18 January 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
2. Thursday 15 February 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
3. Thursday 15 March 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
4. Thursday 19 April 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
5. Thursday 17 May 2018 19:30 at Royal Festival Hall
6. Test Ride(2 June 2018)
7. Pre-ride finalisation and comms check (7 June 2018 tbc)
8. Post-ride review (tbc)

WNBR London 2018 Route Plan (Final – 17 May 2018)

Details of routes are confidential and should not be disclosed to third parties. This is to reduce crowds of spectators, reduce the number of problem photographers and protect the participants.

All routes are subject to revision following the test ride on 2nd June which will establish any impediments to the planned routes (eg road works, diversions, etc) and confirm timings.

Ride leaders are responsible for determining the exact route on the day based on actual traffic conditions.

Start routes

Tower Hill (14:45)

- Southwark Bridge
- Southwark St
- Blackfriars Bridge
- Embankment
- Northumberland Avenue
- Trafalgar Square
- Whitehall

North Carriage Drive - Hyde Park (15:00)

- East-West Cycle Superhighway
- Piccadilly
- Piccadilly Circus
- Trafalgar Square
- Whitehall

Outer Circle (Regents Park) (14:50)

- Great Portland St
- Regent St
- Piccadilly Circus
- Trafalgar Square
- Whitehall

Kew Bridge (13:45) and Clapham Junction (14:45)

- Feeder ride in from Kew Bridge to Clapham Junction
- Battersea Park Road
- Chelsea Bridge
- Sloane St
- Hyde Park Corner
- Piccadilly
- Piccadilly Circus
- Trafalgar Square
- Whitehall

West Norwood (14:30)

- Norwood Rd
- Dulwich Rd
- Brixton Rd
- Stockwell Rd
- Clapham Rd
- Vauxhall Bridge
- Millbank

Merged Route (15:45)

- Westminster Bridge
- York Road
- Waterloo Bridge
- Strand
- Chancery Lane
- Lincoln's Inn Fields
- Great Queen Street
- Long Acre
- Bow St
- Covent Garden (via Tavistock St)
- Trafalgar Square
- The Mall
- Constitution Hill – main ride participants disband (17:30)

Onward Ride – for people going to the afterparty and return start locations (17:30)

- Knightsbridge
- Sloane St
- Chelsea Bridge
- Battersea Park Road (18:00)
- Clapham Junction (18:15)
- West Norwood (18:45)