

Minutes of a Meeting of the WNBR London Collective

Wednesday 12th February 2020

(Action items in *red*)

Present: Barbara, Cy, Dave S, Dave W, Graeme, Harriet, Harvey, Karen, Ken, Luigi, Mike, Natasha, Paul H, Richard, Simon My, Simon Mr, Tony

Apologies: Sophie

Starts

Victoria Park, East London: Ken has developed his proposals for a new start from East London. He has found a more secluded start point and planned a more direct route which avoids sensitive areas. The route would merge with Tower Hill. His test rides suggest he can do the route comfortably in 47 minutes. We agreed he should allow 75 minutes to reach Tower Hill, giving a start time of 13:30. Ken believes they will be able to spend time in the secluded location and is therefore proposing a gather time of 11:30.

Croydon / Shirley: Dave W has evaluated the route from Croydon/Shirley. It will be the longest route we have at over 20 miles but he has confidence that it would work and that we would have enough participants. Derek's new house is gated with a large amount of outdoor space. They could even contemplate having tents. We discussed the crossover with Clapham Junction. The route leaders wish the routes to cross rather than merge.

Accessibility option: We concluded that Ken cannot lead Victoria Park and also manage accessibility options. Nevertheless, the idea is worthy of further consideration and should be discussed at the next meeting. Ken has made some progress in looking for potential providers of bikes.

It was agreed that we should immediately publish details of all eight proposed starts using the timings and locations as agreed at this meeting. Updates will be made on the wiki and web sites. Events will be set up on Facebook. Details will be plugged on social media. **Action: Cy**

Afterparty

Brixton Jamm remains lined up for the afterparty. We will have private space indoors and their internal outdoor "beach" area. One of the iBikeLondon mobile DJs is lined up for music. We also want to have some other entertainment, including possibly amateur spots for participants. The overall emphasis should, however, be on socialising and celebration, so the entertainment should not overwhelm the party.

Dave S, as one of our officers and treasurers with signing rights, will lead on contracts and payments. The main hire charge will be £350, which is a discounted price. There will be a food van with Jamaican food and a full bar – all takings going to the venue. WNBR London will get the money from our ticket sales. **Action: Dave S to pay the money and get a contract in place so we run less risk of losing it!**

We can set up from 5pm. They expect participants to arrive from 6:30pm. We need to leave by 10pm as they will re-configure the space for their Saturday night rave, but participants will be welcome to stay on at the venue for the rave if they wish. (We do not know if they would be allowed to stay naked.)

Jamm are fully agreed to clothing optional for the party but they have an absolute requirement that participants must arrive clothed. Because they are a music venue in a residential neighbourhood, they are very sensitive to the risk of upsetting their neighbours. We will plan to stop the onward ride safely away from the venue and not move on until people are adequately dressed.

Jamm consider they could get 50 bikes inside. We are keen to see if the offer of bike racks from Tannus can work. **Action: Cy to respond re Tannus.**

Location Tracking

It would be good to use automatic location tracking for hub to see where key marshals are on the map. Several technologies were suggested. Telegram can do this, but we do not know if it works well with multiple people. The same is true for WhatsApp. Glympse is often used by similar rides, eg by Critical Mass and iBike London. Natasha says Life360 works really well for tracking her kids.

We agreed to run some trials. We should agree a date and time then invite people to connect for testing. Volunteers included Harriet, Richard, Ken and Natasha with Barbara and Cy trying to monitor from the hub location. **Action: Cy to circulate date and requirements.**

First Aid Training

Harvey has agreed a new training session at Oakwood with the trainer, Vicky. We will consider the best date option and invite everyone. It is optional, but we do need certificated first aiders in every group and we would like as many as possible to have basic knowledge. We agreed WNBR London should pick up the costs. **Action: Cy to send invites.**

Marshal Briefing

Simon My agreed to co-ordinate the preparation of marshal briefing materials. Simon Mr, Ken, Harriet and Cy offered to help. Cy will locate existing materials where possible. **Action: Cy to re-circulate last year's briefing pack to this group.**

At this time we have not fixed a format for delivery – in fact, we may need to offer information in multiple formats, eg briefing pack, video, conference call, face-to-face. Ken noted that XR use Zoom, which can provide free video conferencing.

Tannus Armour

All seven people who responded to the Tannus offers were in favour of working with them, subject to our usual limitations. The provision of bike racks was the most popular offer. Other suggestions with positive scores were mechanics at starts, cargo bike assistance at tail, and branded free loan bikes. The idea of macs got some renewed support if we need some emergency clothing for people entering Brixton Jamm.

We are particularly keen to get the bike racks for the afterparty, so we should write back to them only referring to that option. At a later time we could explore the other options. **Action: Cy to respond.**

Royal Parks liaison

The parks insist on another meeting. **Action: Richard to take up the application process.**

Communications

Cy had shared the Communications Guidance and Policies document. It was too big a subject for this meeting and will be looked at later.

Harriet volunteered to get involved with Instagram. Other volunteers are very welcome – as per the shopping list Cy circulated previously. **Action: all to consider what they can help with!**

Meeting schedule

- Wednesday 8/1/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 12/2/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 11/3/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 8/4/20 Meeting
- Wednesday 13/5/20 Meeting
- Saturday 6/6/20 Test Ride
- Wednesday 10/6/20 Meeting
- Saturday 13/6/20 Ride
- Sunday 21/6/20 Debrief and celebration