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Meeting	Ipswich Safety Advisory Group
Date	16 th May 2019
Time	10:00am
Location	Orwell Room, Grafton House.
Present	Representatives from: IBC Principal Health Officer (food) IBC Principal Health Officer (Noise) IBC Commercial Development Operations Manager IBC Compliance & Governance Manager IBC Health & Safety Manager IBC Parking Services Manager IBC Ops Manager Parks & Cemeteries IBC ESC Team Leader IBC Events Co-ordinator SCC Emergency Planning Officer East of England Ambulance Service Suffolk Constabulary Suffolk Fire and Rescue
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Items:

		Action	Attach
1.0	Welcome/Introductions: JS welcomed the group and introductions were made around the table		
2.0	Naked Bike Ride – introduced by Robert Brown Peter, Harvey, Robert Peter's 1 st ride London Ride – 10 or 12 years with no issue		

	Local rides in this area – Clacton, Colchester, Cambridge, Chelmsford, now Ipswich and next year Norwich – The four seasons Group who run the rides in the 4 counties is the biggest independent group of rides outside of London in terms of numbers It's a protest basically but our main aim is to promote health & safety. And to promote cycling and to get bums on saddles rather than in cars. We would be silly to say we are a cycling organisation but we do adhere to the rules and regulations of the road. We do cause disruption because we cycle in a state of near or complete nakedness. JS – going through the logistics, where is it advertised? RB - All over Facebook, other media sites, been in magazines, newspapers, we keep newspaper cuttings RB – There is a suggested meeting point? RB – The routes are always circular so we always start and finish at the same point. When we worked out the route when we met with Police back in August, didn't we Peter? They worked out the route for us, they started at the University and contacted the University even tho they recently said no, so this turning here... JS – So where are you starting? RB – Near University Suffolk but round the back of it, it was going to be where the big question mark is on the map but it now clashes with something they now have on that day, but we are going to have people stationed there in case anyone turns up there. JS – So, this is Suffolk New College off Grimwade Street is it? RB – Where the Salvation Army is on the corner, we are starting further down RB – 1st rides are notoriously hard to predict, once they are set up that's it. No-one is required to register, they just turn. We don't have an entry admission charge, any of that. We just provide the route and that's why we have RASSAG, we confirmed that. You've heard of RASSAG, haven't you? JS – no RB – routes advisory service safety advisory group, like you only much bigger – they can check the ride and work out whether it's feasible or not. They are the only ones who can advise what to change the route to like if this is dangerous and take this bit out. They will check the route a week or two before for potholes. JS – so you say there's no registration but you have a time when it's set to leave? RB – riders are told when to turn up, general rule not to strip off (undress) 15 minutes before they start, do the ride and when they get back, dress and go to after party and just disappear. JS – Are you assuming these are local people? Will they turn up in cars? RB – It would be silly to think they would arrive by car as we are trying to promote the use of public transport, so they are likely to be local people so most people turn up by public transport JS – So you no arrangement to use facilities at Suffolk College, you are just using their driveway RB – It's just a bit round the back, we will be there for such a short time it's no different to anyone else turning up JS – no toilet provision, no changing provision? RB – most people will use toilets in restaurants before they go and come over to us anyway. In London we only had 1 toilet for the whole of the London Ride.		
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	JS – When people strip off, they will take their clothes with them, no storage provision? RB – No, nothing left behind. RB – Stick religiously to the Route which is approx. 8 miles Can spot our riders as they will have a flag flying – Harvey – our riders are trying to make a point – H&S point 1 marshall at front, 1 at back Marshalls and stewards 1 for every 50 for insurance purposes and 1 first aiders for every 100 BC – how may do you know/predict will turn up? RB – hard to predict on 1st ride, grows 25% year on year – London is now 2-3k BC – So do you have enough stewards to cater for 25? Harvey – you will find with 1st rides that 20 will be stewards of other rides because they want to experience a ride in a new town. MHu – are your stewards naked? RB - Everyone is naked – stewards are sometimes naked OR a hi-vis vest or an arm band. Some of the rides wear an arm band. Some wear a baseball cap, it depends. JS – What will Ipswich be? RB – Hi-vis mini vest MHu – so, the London ride you keep referring to, it's not run by the same people RB – no, it's a different group, I run the Clacton ride. Four Seasons are all independent rides This is Peter's 1st ride as ride leader. And it's a metropolitan ride and we like to make a fuss. It makes a bigger point. Harvey – ideally we would like no-one outside of the area to travel to do the ride. We would like locals to run the ride and do the ride. The idea of people travelling across the country from one ride to another is defeating the object. MHu – so it's on Facebook, you have no indication on FaceBook of how many are coming? Harvey – no, only know on the day RB – We get comments, one guy has booked his holiday to Ipswich as the ride is here MHu – so you can't get it set up to register and know numbers? RB – no, we have groups set up but no way of knowing until the day Harvey – 1st ride at Cambridge may be an indication, 25 registered and 144 turned up JS – so if you had to estimate? – RB - Predict maximum of 50, next year could be thousands MHu – any comments or petitions protesting against what you are doing? RB – No, you do get 1 or 2 negative comments but it's mainly about whether it's legal. If it wasn't we would get locked up for doing it, there is no law to say we can't be naked in a public place. We know what the law is, we have to know to protest ourselves. MHu – and if you do get any complaints? BR – The year before last at the Clacton ride, someone complained their 6 month year old child was upset but a child that age is not going to know what a naked body is. MHu – do your stewards/marshalls have guidance on how to deal negative		
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	or aggressive people RB – We know how to deal with it, if they hit us, we'll just do them, we do not retaliate back, if someone is going to get physical – you do get the occasional verbal comment MHu - do you have any people you do not want to take part on the ride? RB – yes, we have a list of undesirable's and all the people on the list are there for a good reason. It is always provided to the Police but it has to be requested, you have to ring the legal department and ask for the list. MHu – can I have the list then please or a number? Harvey – there are certain data protection issues here RB – it has to be documented and only certain people can have access to the list, it cannot be just some police man ringing up saying they want the list, it would have to be someone major high up. Also the same thing the Police can put a name on if they see anything, they can add MHu–if I can have the contact details name/number of legal dept to be given to Marion via JS/RB JS – You mentioned a meeting with the police in August, could you also provide the name? RB – It is in the files back home, but yes I will provide the name. I also have the number of the Collective as we are not allowed to be involved in any financials. We are not a charity ourselves but a lot of people that ride do fundraise. CK – First Aiders & Marshalls, will they be wearing an armband? BR – yes, yellow, front leader marshall wears orange, rear leader controls the ride , they communicate via walkie talkie CK –how many first aiders? RB - 2 first aid for 1st ride as the number increase per 100 another 2, most are ex-ambulance – all qualified CK – General guidance as rides get bigger rides, the qualification FAAW is not valid RB – we understand it is our responsibility that is someone is hit by a car we will do everything to get an ambulance called and to the hospital asap. CK – for future reference, if one of your first aiders does anything wrong, you are not going to be protected from litigation, just a general word of advice CL – Route, will be compliant with highway code, no road closures? RB – we always go around on the day and RASSAG, who are part of us but independent to us will look out for Pot holes etc – they go through the route.. CL – And the route, has it been chosen because of spread of marshalls, segregating groups at the lights etc – RB – we have so many marshalls who are in charge of their group and will go through lights in a group and if they do get split, they will be in touch with a marshall of another group and tell them to stop. We try to go through as one massive vehicle if we can. We get lots of cars tooted at us and people with camera phones. CL – I would advise stay as close as possible. RB – We do, we've been doing these events since 2004 now, the fastest we go is 3-4mph, its not a race AP – Emergency vehicle access procedure, if they need to come past you? Will your marshalls pull them to one side? RB – If there is a cycle lane we will use the cycle lane and on a main road the marshalls will tell everyone to get over, they do as they are told..we		
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	have to make sure everyone is safe BW – Point 1 on the map turns up Queen Street Sat 2pm start –Food quarter for the market 50 people going through there, in a pedestrianised area RB – we’ve already had somebody go through there, 60 on a Saturday, there’s a cycle lane where it crosses, we will have marshalls there anyway to make sure its clear and we can get through BW – it just with those market stalls there it does cause a funnel effect, with a lot of people buzzing around RB – it was one of my concerns when we found out where it was and when we worked out the route but we had RASSAG do it and they said there was no issue BW – OK Point 3 on the map – Christchurch Park cinema screening –you will pass when parents and children are making their way to the park, potential issue RB – we could always change the route, very flexible but it’s only a little triangle there. When we do it in Clacton we have about 200 families come to watch us. BW – it’s just an observation, not a suggestion of what you should do. It’s only if you get comments of the adults passing by. BC – you mentioned you collect money? RB - No. We have a whip round after the ride from the riders, for travel expenses, BC – And collection buckets, for those who are fundraising? RB – My bike for example, I just have slogans and banners and balloons on my bike, no collection buckets MH – sounds well co-ordinated enough, just make you know who is doing what on the day. RB – Its not until the day of the ride and we get here we know how many are going to turn up. The biggest thing is that people think what we are doing is against the law but it isn’t. JS – The route still needs to be checked even though you say you have had discussions with the police about it Technically a Road Closure – Queen Street/Food Market (carry straight on into Princes Street, not Queen Street) and Re: comments about Christchurch park – sensible NOT to use Soane street, carry straight into Crown onto St Margarets green Harvey – we would expect that any last minute RC the Police would inform us anyway on the day MW – Queen St is subject to A permanent TRO on market days so out of the question and will need to be changed there. BC - it’s a natural straight on so ok JS – thank you RB – Would it be possible to get a copy of the minutes? JS - Yes		
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