

Lakes Area AGM and open meeting 27th November 2012.

Hawkshead Brewery, Mill Yard, Staveley

AGM

1. Ewen Turner (Chairman) welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies had been received from James Brumby and Al Fazackerlea. There were 28 people in attendance.
2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM were read, accepted and signed.
3. There were no matters arising from the minutes
4. Ewen gave his annual report, highlighting significant events of the previous year. (See attached)
5. Officers elected

Chairman- Ewen Turner

Secretary- Polly Sullivan

Treasurer- James Brumby

National Council Reps- Steve Scott and Ted Rogers

Access Co-ordinator- Peter Latimer

Clubs rep- Martin Dale

Peter will contact all area access reps to see if they still wish to stand.

6. All dates and venues for 2013 meetings and AGM will be confirmed at the first open meeting in 2013. These will be dependant on National Council meetings.

Open Meeting

- 1.1 There was no report or update on White Scar, the position is as stated in the guide book.
- 1.2 No current issues
- 1.3 There will be a bird restrictions meeting the first week in December, report will be at next meeting
- 1.4 Max Biden offered congratulations to the BMC for their work with the local farmer in Kentmere who owns Badger Rock. The wall has been repaired at the expense of the BMC.
- 1.5 People were asked to report to LDNP anything untoward that they find on footpaths when out.
2. Ron Kenyon gave a short update on the Fell & Rock guide books currently being worked on. He was pleased to announce that the next book due out will be Langdales followed shortly thereafter Dow and Coppermines. Scafell and Wasdale are due for 2014 followed by Duddon and Eskdale and

then Borrowdale in 2016. A request was made for pictures. Any picture published will be rewarded by a free guide book. To embrace current technology the Fell & Rock are investigating the possibility of apps for crags. The new winter guide book is now out.

There is a vacancy for website editor to edit the climbing section. Anybody interested please contact Ron.

3. Cumbria Bolt group gave a short presentation updating the area on their work. Most significantly following from the winter ethics debate the new dry tooling venue 'The Works' (picture attached) There are now 20plus routes of all grades.

Cathedral Quarry-The National Trust has requested that the trees no longer be used for abseiling. A discussion for placing lower offs was requested as an agenda item for the next meeting.

4. A new planning application for Honister Zip wire has been put forward. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken. 4 people voted in favour of the BMC objecting, 14 people voted for the BMC to do nothing and there were 9 abstentions. (See attached report)

5. The meeting ended with refreshments and a talk by Body Rehab

Chairman's Annual report

Bullet points of events from 2012

1. Winter ethics debate
2. Zip wire opposed
3. Bolts on sharp edge
4. Lakes festival of climbing cancellation
5. New guidebooks for the area.
6. Development of 'The Works' at Hodge Close
7. Review of drilled protection policy
8. Castle Rock 'crack'
9. Bolting in the Lakes continues on a like for like basis
10. James Brumby stepped down as Secretary- Chairman recorded his thanks to James for all his hard work



New Zipwire application

Application no. 7/2012/2243

Changes from previous application

- Take-off near top of VF, not on fell top
- Intermediate point – switch to second cable needed
- Seeking temporary planning permission (18 months)
- Survey of visitor reaction to be carried out by University of Cumbria in summer 2013
 - will survey users and others at Honister

Good points

- Vegetation impact much reduced
- Less disturbance to Fleetwith Pike - No installation on fell top

Less good points

- Activity not in keeping with high fell land in NP
- Landscape impact
- Noise and disturbance
- Is temporary application a 'trojan horse'?

The issue: do the benefits outweigh the purpose of conserving the natural beauty and wildlife and enabling quiet enjoyment of the environment?

The key considerations for the BMC should be:

- Would the scheme have a significant impact on the enjoyment of the area by hill walkers?
- Would it affect any rock climbing crags in the areas?
- Would it have significant visual impact?
- If the scheme were to go ahead – would it be seen as a major concern by local and visiting climbers and walkers?