

## **BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

### **FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL**

#### **AREA: Midlands**

1. **Location & Attendance:** Old Edwardian Sports Club, Solihull 80 attendees aprox
2. **BMC staff & Executive members present:** Dave Turnbull and Jane Thompson
3. **AGM Matters**
  - Chair - Phil Simister
  - Secretary - Claudia Sarner
  - Access West - Richard law Access East - Miles Hillman (Jo Goodson - subject to ratification at next area meeting)
  - Climbing Walls - John Churcher
  - Youth - Ian Blanch
  - Clubs - Toby Forester
  - National Council - Charles Gameson and Claudia Sarner
4. **Key issues discussed:**
  - Member subscription increase - DT explained why the BMC needs to raise subs – however the need to raise by £2.00 might not now be necessary as savings had been highlighted. There were strong views that the BMC should be run as efficiently as possible. It was a tax on clubs. Other views were that the BMC subscription was good value.
  - Leicestershire Guidebook – further discussion on when it will be published.
  - App – Interest from some for the BMC to go down this route.
5. **Patagonia and Beyond**
  - Meeting was followed by an excellent lecture by Dave Turnbull on his recent visit to Patagonia. This was advertised locally in climbing wall,s outdoor shops and nationally by the BMC office by direct emailing to Midland members and through direct contact with Midland clubs.
  - It was agreed that if future meeting were to be as successful, lectures should be part of the structure of the meeting and the same drive locally and nationally should done.