

Minutes of the London & South East Area Meeting

4.00pm, Saturday 12th April 2014

Mile End Climbing Wall, Haverfield Road, Mile End, London E3 5BE

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was attended by 5 members, plus Elizabeth Holley (BMC Regional Development Officer), Rupert Fleming (Area Chair), Ralph Ranford (Area Secretary). Apologies were received from the remaining council members.

A short question was asked regarding how attendees had heard about the meeting:

- Newsletter/Email: 5

Conflict of interests

No conflicts of interest

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th January 2014

Available on the Community Site

Reports from the office / area officer / National Council / local officers

Rupert Fleming presented a quick round-up of recent BMC activities, including:

Discussion topics

Access & Conservation

- Open Wales access campaign launched;
- The Lake District winter climbing good practice guidance.
- Round-up of damage caused to sea cliffs by the severe winter storms.

Safety & Skills

- New Mountain Training courses: Lowland Leader Award and Hill and Mountain Skills courses.
- 'Get into Climbing' bookazine.

Technical

- Safer sport climbing article, including advice on assessing the safety and security of bolts.

Youth & Equity

- Women's Rock event day event surrounding International Women's Day.

BMC Organisation

- 2013 BMC Annual Report is available.

Membership

- Exhibited at the Outdoor Show
- Hill walking engagement day in the Peak District, attended by 30+.

Regional Development

- Updated guide for new climbers, walkers and mountaineers in the London & South East area.

Upcoming London events

The following upcoming events taking place in London were highlighted:

- Leo Houlding Lecture

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

Wednesday 4th June 19:00. The Alpine Club