Minutes of the London & South East Area Meeting

Wednesday 4th June 2014

The Alpine Club, 55/56 Charlotte Road, London, Greater London, EC2A 3QF

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was attended by 45 members, plus Elizabeth Holley (BMC Regional Development Officer), Rupert Fleming (Area Chair), Ralph Ranford (Area Secretary) and Dave Turnbull (BMC CEO). Apologies were received from the remaining council members.

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

• Facebook, BMC Community, UKC, Newsletter/Email

Conflict of interests

No conflicts of interest

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th April 2014

Available on the Community Site

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

Elizabeth Holley presented a quick round-up of recent activities, including:

- Get out on rock Objectives.
- BMC Promotion through various forms of media.

Dave Turnbull also gave a quick overview of the current events at Cheddar Gorge and the importance of checking access rights at Crags.

Discussion topics

Rupert Fleming provided an overview of the general activities of the BMC and discussed the following topics:

- Arranged and publicised 2014 Range West Briefing dates.
- The updated and re-printed the BMC guide to climbing and occupier's liability.
- Published nesting restrictions on the BMC website.

Ralph Ranford gave a quick overview of the BMC AGM at Portland in April, remarking on its success and the number of free activities that had been arranged.

Harrison's Rocks car park / toilet

Malcom gave a quick update on current activities regarding the toilet blocks at Harrison's, and requested support from all attending. A proposal from the community interest group is still being finalised. Malcom also raised the question of what support the BMC will provide.

Post meeting talk by BMC CEO: Dave Turnbull
Dave gave a talk on his trip to Patagonia, including his adventures on sea cliffs. There were many awe inspiring photographs which motivated many in the room to get out this summer.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting TBC.