

Chair – Ron Kenyon

Attendees - 7

Ewen Turner – Area Chair
Polly Sullivan – Secretary
Peter Latimer – Access
Steve Scott and Ted Rogers NC Reps.

Jim Loxham's activities were mentioned recalling his contribution to climbing and mountaineering.

Wasdale and the pressure on Scafell Pike

Sarah Metcalfe (National Trust) has been in contact re the pressure on Wasdale due to the popularity of climbing the highest peak in England. Additional pressure during the summer months was created by the Three Peaks Challenge.

Parking in the lay-by at the entrance to the NT car park has been blocked and folk are encouraged to use the pay and display car park. A plan is in place to make this 'pay on leaving'. 24 hr access is needed.

The Area shares the concerns but feels further consultation should be made as the parking issue is exacerbated by this type of measure. A coordinated response from the BMC MRT LDNPA and NT was felt to be the best outcome.

It was agreed that Sarah and a representative from Wasdale MRT would be invited to a future meeting – [action Secretary/Ron Kenyon](#)

Folk asked if there is or should be a BMC position on 'challenge events'? [Action NC Rep.](#)

ACCESS

2 infringements of restrictions – police were investigating one of these at Stonestar Crag. Lower Falcon and Chapel Head – more comprehensive information required on site. The restriction notice in the descent gully at Lower Falcon isn't seen until the descent has been used! No up to date on site info. at Chapel Head – [Action Access Rep. and Rob Dyer](#)

Bram Crag Quarry has a restriction on the back wall and lh side.

Castle Rock North – crack is widening at its base. UU don't seem to be too bothered and a new fence and bridge has been installed at the RH access path. It was felt that warning signs should be placed in the CP and at the gate and the bottom of the crag – this is a matter of record now. [Rob Dyer to be contacted re further action – RK](#)

Ted reported on the NC meeting at Hayfield and the AGM in Portland in April. The subs increase has been approved; new VPs. Guidance notes for Area Chairs and Secs., those in receipt of grants obliged to give something in return – lecture? Support for clubs to attract more members.

Clubs committee vacancy discussed, plus walking rep

Work has been done by Officers to attract members to meetings – email, facebook and twitter. People at meeting reported that they weren't receiving these and were advised to ensure they were registered.

New Regional Development Officer for NE

Glen Brittle Memorial Hut improvements on track.

GUIDEBOOKS

Scafell launch in April, revised schedule for future guides explained. Appeal for photos.

OTHER

Is Area structure fit for purpose?

SS explained BMC structure policy making and execution.

- increase interest at meetings to attract more participation
- improve awareness of role and power of members
- improve comms.
- Not seen as a geographical problem

Needs to be an agenda item at a future meeting...

Bolt Fund – [action RK/DR](#)

- Abseil points need to be improved.
- Team effort
- Circulate list to be confirmed
- Team to install

White Guide

Felt that no longer relevant given the current information in the guidebook and with the adoption of the Lake District Winter Climbing – damage avoidance guide

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/new-lakes-winter-climbing-conditions-guide>

Apologies –
Polly Sullivan
Ewen Turner
Peter Latimer
James Brumby
Dan Robinson

