

Minutes of the London & South East Area Meeting

Wednesday 10th September 2014

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

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was attended by 13 members, plus Elizabeth Holley (BMC Regional Development Officer). 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 14th June 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.

Discussion topics

Ralph Ranford provided an overview of the general activities of the BMC and discussed the following topics:

- Hill Walking Document
- reminder about access arrangements for climbing in Cheddar Gorge.
- lectures and masterclasses by Sherpa athletes Neil Gresham and Kenton Cool.
- Lower-off simulators supplied to a number of climbing walls.
- BMC media centre.
- Summit Magazine App.

Harrison's Rocks car park / toilet

Malcom from the Sandstone Volunteers Group gave an update on the facilities at Harrison Rocks:

- Forestry Commission have allocated an internal budget to resurface the road into the car park.
- Sports England will refurbish toilet block including updating to provide disabled access.
- Pay & Display parking will be introduced to help raise money for the maintenance of the facilities.
- Sports England will hand back the facilities in November.

Discussions are ongoing, regarding management of facilities. The forestry commission however are keen to see a local community group take over management.

Date, time and venue of the next meeting

TBC.