

## **BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 15 September 2014**

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

#### **AREA: YORKSHIRE**

1. **Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. 38 attendees.

2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Will Harris

3. **New postholder(s) & situations vacant:**

**Situations Vacant:** Climbing Wall & Youth Outdoors Representatives

4. **Key issues discussed:**

**Bridestones** – Noted that the bolts had been removed

**Almscliff** – Clean up organised by 2 individuals & their friends. Notice has fallen down – to reinstate & incorporate mention re dog fouling & litter.

**Heptonstall** – recently placed bolt(s) ? where. For further investigation.

**Caley** – now very overgrown with Himalayan Balsam & bracken. Needs climbers to carry secateurs & do their bit to help control growth.

**The Roost** – Access now banned due to some climbers accessing crag via private garden on crag top & parking on private drive.

**Blue Scar & Foredale Quarry** – situation unchanged.

**Threshfield Quarry** – No definitive reply as yet from the quarry company.

**Langcliffe Quarry** – Proposal to be developed re climbing in the Quarry.

**The Climbing Barn** – Future uncertain after notice to quit premises at end of lease period.

**BMC Subscriptions** – Please see bullet points below.

**Hillwalking Strategy** – Please see bullet points below.

#### **Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:**

- **BMC subscriptions –**

Suggestion re regular RPI related increases not supported.

Proposal for increases only when needed & with transparency re reasons for increase. Vote taken – 27 for, none against & 2 abstentions (apparently 9 people who neither voted nor indicated abstention)

- **Hill walking Strategy –**

Clear definition needed re where 'rambling' stops & hill walking starts. BMC should focus on representing walkers in hill & mountain areas & not all walkers.

Partnership working with other organisations eg Ramblers' Association, HF Holidays etc

Proposal as per Midlands Area Meeting – "The Yorkshire Area proposes that the BMC sets up a working group, made up of representatives from each area, to support the Executive in implementing a strategy for hill walking - to emulate, and not diminish, the excellent service already provided to climbers, better to serve and inform our hill walking members and to attract new members."

Meeting voted in support of this proposal with one vote against & no abstentions.