

# **BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Mon 8 June 2015**

## **FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL**

### **AREA: YORKSHIRE**

1. **Location & Attendance:** Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley. 32 attendees
2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Carey Davies & Deirdre Collier
3. **New postholder(s)**

**A & C Limestone Access Representative:** Nigel Baker co-opted to replace Dave Musgrove.

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

4. **Key issues discussed:**

**Caley.** Clearing up done of a lot of branches etc around the boulders. Leeds City council amenable to tree clearance & more work to follow. Grant applied for re a 10 year programme re Chevin Park & guided walk on 1 July to explain what the plan is.

**Dovestones.** Notice at base of crag – no climbing & trespassers will be prosecuted. For investigation.

**Almscliff – Wind Turbine planning application.** Please see bullet points below.

**Oxenber.** Clearup suggested re overgrowth eg little thorn bushes etc. Specific proposal awaited. Work likely to take place at end of year.

**Threshfield quarry.** Please see bullet points below.

**Clubs Committee Questions for Area Meetings.** Will feed back all comments to Clubs Committee but some discussion around asking young people at climbing walls re clubs & also re what the BMC can do for hill walking.

**BMC & Recreational Vehicles.** Reference to discussion at the April Area Meeting re the BMC not supporting the stance taken against recreational motor vehicles. BMC position is currently a neutral one re the legal use of motor vehicles on byways & un-surfaced classified roads (green lanes). For discussion by Access Management Group at its next Meeting with a view to re-examining the historical position.

**2016 AGM.** Please see bullet points below.

### **Hill Walking**

Reports of hill walking meeting held on 20 April & from the BMC's Hill Walking Working Group.

Hill walking event 1 July – Ingleborough & possible hill walking/climbing festival in 2016.

**Chris Townsend presentation.** Please see bullet points below.

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

- **Application for wind turbines near Almscliff Crag.** Application is for 2 x 48m turbines situated 1.8km to the North West of Almscliffe Crag. Area agreed to ask the BMC to lodge an objection – this could subsequently be withdrawn if felt appropriate when further investigation has taken place.
- **Threshfield quarry.** Consultant has drawn up plans re what all groups want – discussion with Dave Musgrove has taken place & no potential conflicts perceived. Proposals now in formal plan for consideration by relevant bodies & outcome awaited. ? potential for this to be a blueprint for the rest of the country.
- **2016 AGM.** Not against idea of increasing youth involvement but Ratho not felt to be a good venue. 'Wrong country' for AGM. Long way from centres of population. No good for hill walkers. Sheffield area felt to be a good option.
- **Chris Townsend - BMC's Hill Walking Ambassador** – gave presentation on [700-mile hike of Scotland's watershed](#), a 'ribbon of wildness' running through mostly mountainous terrain from the border with England to Cape Wrath. Continuing Area promotion of hill walking. Very well received.