

BMC North West Area Meeting
14 November 2016, Wilton Arms, Bolton

MINUTES

Attendance – 21

BMC Officer in attendance – Jane Thompson, clubs and partnerships officer

Chair – Carl Spencer

Review of the year

- Climb Britain logo, a brief overview was given.
- Lancashire Rock guidebook launched at the Wilton Fest.
- Several clean-ups mentioned, particular Egerton Quarry.

Area AGM Elections

Chair – Carl Spencer

Secretary – Andy Say

National Council Reps – Nick Bond and Tim Greenhalgh

Access Reps – Les Ainsworth, Paul Horan and John Proud

Area Youth – Sarah Jackson and Mike Hall

Climbing Wall Rep – Stuart Holmes

Area Rep for Clubs – Richard Toon

Hill Walking Rep – Dave Robinson

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Wilton Management Group

Stuart Holmes asked about the Wilton Management Group; he wants to attend the next meeting. Richard Toon asked about notification of meetings; Carl is looking at ways to improve advertising and communication for future group meetings.

Montcliffe access issues

Les Ainsworth and the BMC are in contact with the owners, apparently the owners are

discussing what is their land and what isn't. Updates will be provided once available; for now, climbers are asked to avoid the crag.

Hill walking

Dave Robinson wants to promote more hill walking in the area on behalf of the BMC; to be discussed more at the next meeting.

Clubs

Richard Toon will continue to promote clubs in the area; he would also like to see access to the huts made easier.

BMC Youth Climbing Series

The North West region is merging with the Lakes to create a more equal regional distribution of entrants to the series; anyone interested in volunteering should contact the BMC office.

Recording of new routes

This issue was raised after a discussion on Lancashire Rock Revival Facebook page, where somebody thought that if new routes were logged on UKClimbing.com, then they should be in the new guide. It was suggested to update the current Lancashire Rock website, so that it could be utilised for this purpose.

Shivers Arête peg

Tim Greenhalgh proposed that the peg on Shivers Arête be replaced with a stainless steel glue-in. It was suggested this proposal should go to the Wilton Management Group, but when pointed out this would be against policy, a vote was taken and was unanimously voted to be replaced.

Footbridge at Cadshaw

Stuart Igoe contacted Les Ainsworth with bridge dimensions; still waiting for a reply. Carl Spencer to remind Les.

Clean-ups

Stuart Igoe, asked about crags outside the Bolton area where clean-up work could be done. It was pointed out that a clean-up at Cadshaw had been carried out, and that one at Troy is on the cards. It was also clarified that the Lancashire Rock Revival team organise events and the BMC supports them, not the other way round.

Date of next meeting

Monday 23 January 2017, Depot Climbing Centre, Manchester - TBC.

Minutes taken by Tim Greenhalgh