

## **BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Yorkshire Area – Monday 29 November 2010**

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

- 1. Location & Attendance:** The Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale. 17 people & 11 apologies - snow forecast ☹
- 2. BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** None. (Jon Garside unable to attend at last minute.)
- 3. New postholder(s) & situations vacant (Chair, Secretary, National Council rep):**  
Stuart Charlton elected as Hillwalking Rep  
Chairman & Limestone Access Rep posts not filled  
All other postholders re-elected.
- 4. Key issues discussed:**

**Access to Cat Crag, Brandrith, Upper Huller Stones & Sypeland** – attempts to impose some ‘voluntary’ restrictions. Open Access Land. Unacceptable. Rob Dyer involved.

**Whins Wood Access** – query resolved and will be in new Grit Guide under Esoterica

**Derby Delph** – Rob Dyer has confirmed that it is no longer an SSSI

**Eavestones Access** – ‘Private. Keep Out’ notices posted. Not thought to be Open Access Land. ? temporary restriction re bird rearing. Rob Dyer involved.

**Caley Crag** – Excellent work by Forest Ranger & team of two in lopping & chopping down trees in Sugar Loaf boulder area. More work planned. Volunteers needed to help pull up Himalayan Balsam in 2011.

**Round Hill Access** – previous report of a problem but appears not to be the case.

**Great Wolfrey** – 2 access point suggested – stiles needed. Response from National Park awaited.

**Crow’s Nest Wood** – suggestion of possible hazard - ? was once an asbestos dump.

**Holmfirth Edge** – ACEG report re site visit re suitability for management by the BMC. Concern that the Gritstone Rep was not involved in the visit.

**Beggar’s Stile** – confusion re access. Open Access line appears to be along top of crag. Landowner interprets this as no right of access and climbers that there is right of access which is thought to be correct. Rob Dyer aware. Need to update RAD in short term whatever the long term outcome is.

**Kilnsey** – concerns raised re climbers’ toileting habits at the crag. Suggestion re health hazard as near stream & fact that it’s near the road so activities are clearly visible. Education need. Will mention in Area Newsletter + ? put something in RAD & on UKC. General concern that Kilnsey attracts climbers from all over and many seem totally unaware of issues such as parking etc. The BMC signs here need relocating – people don’t see them in their current locations

**Conflicts of Interest Statement – Club Members on BMC Committees.** See bullet points

**Club Loan Scheme Proposal** – See bullet points

**Draft Area Meeting Guidance** – See bullet points

**Clubs Committee** – feedback and discussion particularly re the Club Loan Scheme proposal.

**? Change meeting day** – not agreed.

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

- **Kilnsey** – need to raise awareness of issues nationally and not just in Yorkshire
- **Conflicts of Interest Statement – Club Members on BMC Committees** – Welcomed. Strong feeling that Committee Members generally and National Council Members in particular should be very aware of the matter of conflict of interest. If any Committee Chair does exercise discretion re asking members to withdraw then this should be minuted.
- **Club Loan Scheme Proposal** – the idea of loans is welcomed. However several concerns re the policy & the process.
- **Draft Area Meeting Guidance** – Felt to be very good document.

Completed by: Deirdre Collier, Secretary.