

BMC North Wales Meeting- 4/9/13

Apologies:

Ray Wood, Mike Raine, Colin Goodey, Megan Beaumont, Martin Doyle, Pete Johnson, Lynn Roberts

Attendee's:

Jim Kelly, Sarah Ridgway, Andy Newton, Calum Muskett, Anne Vowles, Chris Parkin, Steve Long, Corin Hardcastle, Simon Roberts, Kate Worthington, Ross Worthington, Johnny Dawes, Gwyn Jones, Anita Grey, K C Gordon and Elfyn Jones.

Meeting:

Minutes from previous meeting – nothing arising.

Date and venue of next AGM – end of November. Proposal of Indy Climbing wall with bouldering competition, talk and meeting.

Dry Tooling – Not seen as an issue in North Wales with four dry tool only venues. Agreed that new dry tool routes should be decided upon on a case by case basis using a common sense approach. Also proposed that new dry tool routes should be limited to sport and new routes.

Tremfest – Another popular and successful event this year. Next year a proposal was made to move forward the event by a month to allow foliage to grow after the winter for gardening. Date to be arranged.

New Welsh Government legislations – Potentially a very major new act allowing right to roam access across Wales. Elfyn Jones (BMC access and conservation officer) will be focusing his energy on this over the coming months.

Glyn Rhonwy hydro – Glyn Rhonwy has been given planning permission. Possible actions include disputing the electric transportation, common land issues and hill walking access.

Small Hydro Schemes – Many small hydro schemes taking place around Snowdonia. Elfyn Jones proposed rather than objecting to these schemes, working towards minimising and mitigating the potential impacts.

Venues for 2014 meeting – Find a more appropriate venue in Llandudno. Return to the Vaynol.

Drilled gear – Not seen as an issue in North Wales. Should be looked at on a case by case basis. Johnny Dawes and Chris Parkin proposed that retro-bolting should not occur due to the popularity of routes but rather on a basis of whether climbers 'aspire' to climb them.

Litter on Snowdon – RAW adventures have arranged a litter pick up on Snowdon and are trying to arrange other large outdoor business' (3 Peak type ones) to get stuck in too.