

BMC AREA MEETING REPORT: Yorkshire Area – Monday 14 February 2011

FOR SUBMISSION TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. **Location & Attendance:** The Dyneley Arms, Pool in Wharfedale. 17 people
2. **BMC staff & Executive member(s) present:** Dan Middleton
3. **New postholder(s) & situations vacant (Chair, Secretary, National Council rep):**
James Rowe co-opted as Chairman.
Limestone Access Rep post vacant
4. **Key issues discussed:**

Access to Cat Crag, Brandrith, Upper Huller Stones & Sypeland – attempts to impose some ‘voluntary’ restrictions. Open Access Land. Have written again to say will support some restrictions but not re informing the head keeper before going climbing. Nothing further heard to date.

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

New Gritstone Guide – nearly ready!

Foredale Quarry – Meeting with Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger re access. ? install new gate or stile.

Beggar’s Stile – Continued confusion re access. Open Access map 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.

Blue Scar – concerns to try & improve the parking before start of climbing

Feizor Nick – no progress yet re farmer denying climbers access. To be followed up.

Youth walk & Youth climbing – see bullet points

Brighouse climbing wall – currently being built.

2012 Subscriptions – see bullet points

Travel Insurance – some queries – individuals to take up personally with the BMC.

Draft BMC Loan Fund Policy – see bullet points

Clubs Committee – feedback from meeting.

Whernside Path & the Three Peaks Project – noted that this was in poor state or repair but that work was planned for later this year subject to availability of funding. The work of the Three Peaks Project & the support of it by the BMC’s ACT was noted.

Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) Budget Consultation – see bullet points

Yorkshire Mountaineering Club contribution to the BMC Access Fund – see bullet points.

Annual Nesting Restrictions – new poster distributed

Bullet points for highlighting to the National Council:

- **Youth walk** – May or June somewhere along the Millenium Way – more urban – attempt to attract more people from wider range of ethnic groups.
- **Youth climbing** – June or July – Windgather. Both Youth meets to be less formal – no application process – no instruction – parents to be responsible for their children.
- **2012 subscriptions** – the Meeting supported the proposal to maintain the current subscription level for 2012
- **Draft BMC Loan Fund Policy** – Acknowledgement of how much work has gone into this. Meeting felt it was a good document.
- **YDNP Budget Consultation** – Information provided not specific enough re potential impact on climbing & walking etc. Concerns re ending of Definitive Map work & likely cut back of work on Open Access & Rights of Way. Area responding via Cath Flitcroft.
- **Yorkshire Mountaineering Club contribution of £246.50 to the BMC’s Access fund** - from the sale of guidebooks in 2010.

Completed by: Deirdre Collier, Secretary.