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### NORTH EAST AREA

Meeting held electronically by Zoom  
On 6<sup>th</sup> May, 19:00

## Minutes

### Attendance:

Mark Anstiss (Chair)

Simon Litchfield (Secretary)

Leo Berry  
Chris Bullock  
Franco Cookson  
Rebecca D'Andrea  
Richard Davies  
Hugh Garner  
Philip Powell

Lynn Robinson (BMC President)  
Mark Goodings  
Mick Sanders  
Jonathan White (BMC Director)

13 in attendance

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Mark Anstiss opened the meeting. Apologies received from Graham Harkness

### 2. AGM

Jonathan gave an update about filling the outstanding positions and the forthcoming AGM.

### 3. Local Access issues

County Durham Limestone

- Franco updated: some bolts to be re-instated (possibly by Lewis Hobson) on climbs not visible from the road.
- A discussion was had about possibly involving Lewis more, though it is unknown whether he is a member.
- 2 New Venues: Forgotten Quarry and Jack's Scar

### 4. Walls

Mark Goodings confirmed that walls are open. Currently as bubbles. After 17<sup>th</sup> May this will change and be less restrictive.

### 5. Elizabeth Monument

Simon Litchfield and Steve Blake made representations at the public enquiry. A decision by the Planning Inspector is impending.

## 6. Youth

Tony Williams updated about the Youth squad training that successfully took place during lockdown.

Chris Bullock enquired about youth training lectures, whether they were successful and whether it should be something to be pushed again in future.

## 7. Council Representatives

The North East is under-represented as Mark will have completed his term and there is currently no replacement. Unfilled roles

- Youth Rep
- Clubs
- 2 Members Council
- Hillwalking?

## 8. AOB

Chris Bullock – meeting better advertised.

Lynn Robinson – suggested doing films etc.

Women in Adventure Film Festival

- 32 free to watch films on the BMC website. Winners announced at SHAFF.

## 9. Date of next Area meeting

~~Provisional 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021~~ Newcastle Climbing Centre Hybrid

*PMN: the date has subsequently been changed to 8th July, due to availability of key people and a change to the Members Council date*