

BMC Specialist Committee: 2018 Report and 2019 Forward Plans

Committee name	Land Management Group		
No. of meetings in 2018	3	Average attendance	7 (out of maximum 8)

Changes required to Terms of Reference & Membership

- Following the adoption of new Articles of Association at the June 2018 BMC AGM, LMG (and all specialist committees) no longer report directly to National Council.

Summary of key achievements & outputs (2018)

- Following the purchase of Crookrise in 2017, organised precise boundary mapping and marking of the lower boundary using contracted surveyors and organised “launch” event.
- Produced report on possible acquisition of Craig y Forwyn
- Investigated and facilitated discussions, drawings, costings, liability and legality on various options for access to the Isolated Buttress Harrison’s Rocks, concluding that a bridge/gantry would be preferred option.
- Carried out site inspections and site risk assessments to all BMC owned/managed crags.
- Organised and implemented Tremfest at Tremadog, involving over 70 volunteers carrying out maintenance/clearance work at the BMC crags.
- Carried out work (using contractors) to substantially repair the descent paths at Craig Pant Ifan
- Carried out inspections of 30% of the bolted lower offs at Upper Pen Trwyn crag, Great Orme as per the agreement with Conwy Council/BMC insurers to maintain access.
- Carried out inspections of bolted anchors at Harrisons and Stone Farm.
- Completed on-going maintenance work (grass/scrub cutting, boundary repairs, treatment of invasive species [Japanese knotweed], litter and fly tipping clearance, etc.), liaison with neighbours and local/statutory authorities at all BMC land holdings.
- Worked with and supported the established local volunteer groups’ at most key BMC sites.
- Worked with new owners of Bwlch y Moch café to secure parking facilities for Tremadog.
- Responded to land agents regarding the expiry of the BMC lease at Pothole Quarry – this lease has now ended but as access seems to be continuing with no issues, and in accordance with the land acquisition policy, BMC will not pursue a new lease unless access is withdrawn.
- Worked on developing a method statement to allow Southern Sandstone volunteers to work at height (on ropes) for conducting sandstone rock repair.
- Working on setting up an agreement with the Peak District National Park Authority for funding to carry out conservation work relevant to the SSSI features of Horseshoe Quarry.

Was there anything you hoped to achieve in 2018, but didn’t / couldn’t? If so, why not?

- Complete management plans for BMC sites (lack of resources)
- Did not complete process for dedicating Harrison’s and Bwlch y Moch as open access land under CROW – lack of resources and changes in the process by Welsh Government in Wales.

Summary of key projects for 2019

- Follow up and complete purchase/agreement on Craig y Forwyn
- Review of bolting project at Horseshoe
- Construct bridge/gantry to secure safe access to Isolated Buttress
- Complete site inspections and respond to issues/emergencies at BMC holdings.
- Complete legal process of designating remaining land as open access.
- Oversee woodland work at Crookrise

Update on UIAA / IFSC representatives (if applicable)

- Not applicable

Additional comments

- Lack of any admin support ties up officer time in organising meetings, booking rooms, writing minutes, site reports, etc. that could be better spent dealing with issues and overseeing projects.

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