**Update from BMC Clubs Committee meeting, 29 September 2016**

After a couple of difficult months at the BMC arising out of the decision not to rebrand we have had a good look at what we are doing in Clubs Committee to improve how we interact with clubs so we can represent their views better. As part of that we are now going to regularly give you updates on what we have been doing via Clubs Committee and our full time Clubs & Partnerships Officer.

* London and South East as our biggest area recruited a second volunteer clubs committee representative and Ben and Sherry have started to contact local clubs to establish what they want from the BMC and ensure they know what is available to help them run their clubs and support their members.
* We are going to pilot 3-4 road shows instead of the traditional clubs seminar in 2017 to see if we can reach clubs that we do not normally reach. Run, probably in the Midlands, London & South East and Manchester plus one for student clubs to be held in Sheffield alongside the BUCS Nationals. More information to be made available soon
* Some clubs asked for training for committee members and this will go ahead in the South East area early in 2017. More information to be made available soon
* Student clubs require particular support so we recruited a second volunteer and Mike Spooner has set off with a bang, sending out a student survey which was reported on and actions to begin shortly, mainly focusing on using social media as a way of communicating and informing.
* National Council asked us to review a paper presented to them on supporting older BMC members, as a result an article to appear in Summit or alternative areas to encourage older members to join local clubs.
* We want to encourage clubs to be set up and as part of that we are looking at reviewing the criteria for clubs to join the BMC and assessing their relevance in todays environment
* We also recognised that National Clubs tend not to have a natural place to voice and discuss their specific needs so we are running a national clubs meeting in November to see how best we can serve this particular group.
* One issue that came out of the discussions with London and South East was for lists of accommodation available to clubs in areas where club huts are not so prevalent. We are looking into this and what is available already through alternative sites.
* The IT team at the BMC continue to work on improving the membership database and over the coming months you are likely to see some great offerings that will help clubs who need more effective databases.
* Finally David Brown from the Peak area put forward the suggestion that the present BMC vision and mission statements do not directly mention clubs and we are now going to suggest an easy way to include them in the present statement.