

Black Canon Collective

Meeting Minutes and Actions

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1. Meeting Info

Meeting: December Committee Meeting
Date: 08 January 2008
Time: 20:00
Location: The Lopes Arms, Westbury
Attendees: Neil Cousins, Andrew Denham, Alastair Mackinlay, Caroline Mackinlay
Apology: Rob Lewis, Ian Crook, Ben Irons

2. Meeting Agenda

- a. Minutes review
- b. Action List review
- c. Dig Day planning
- d. AOB

3. Minutes

a) Minutes review

The minutes from the committee meeting of 11 December were accepted as an accurate record.

b) Action List review

The BCC action list was reviewed and has been updated with new target dates for completion of actions.

A lot of actions weren't completed as Christmas intervened but membership cards have now been issued, and we're looking at improving the photo quality on future cards issued.

Selected action updates follow:

- Our Paypal account is still locked by Paypal, pending proof of our non-profit status, and Paypal aren't responding to email pokes

- Ian is looking at improving the quality of photos on the membership cards, and also into ways of reducing the cost of the cards (e.g. not having to replace them annually)
- Some improvements are in the pipeline for the website, to make it clearer and easier to use. Club members who want to contribute news or articles to the website, please contact Andrew.
- We are working on a long-term overall Plan For The Allotment and your suggestions are welcome
- The club's first AGM is planned for the end of March (before the end of the club's membership year).
- Rob is planning our first “club event”, and Ian is organising our next away-day to a trail centre. Keep your eye on the website and/or the forum for more information.

c) Dig Day planning

As it's so cold and the ground is frozen, we discussed briefly whether to postpone the dig day or to do something else at the allotment. We agreed to carry on, but not to dig – instead we'll work on clearing and tidying the area, and looking more at future use of the land. It'll be a shorter day and will be called the “Lift and Shift” day instead of Dig Day.

The following tasks are on the list:

1. Raking existing tracks
2. Cut up logs (for drainage, course markers etc)
3. Collect and pile rocks and wood - we need to identify locations first, see next items...
4. Review 143 with a view to routing an extension into the bottom section of wood, all those people with new ideas or beef about the current line are welcome to turn up and we can highlight why some lines can't be made.
5. Walk around the whole Allotment, not just the gully we currently use, to see how much area we have, and start to generate better ideas on how to use all our space.
6. Extend the water bar that Al and Bob did last time; it needs 2 to 3ft to the left built onto it. We will need a pickaxe or mattock to dig the hole.

The day will run from 10am til 1pm as it's so cold. Riding still on Sunday, and normal Dig Day work should resume in February.

d) Suggestion Box review

Website improvement suggestions have been noted (thanks to all) and modifications are in process – contact Al or Andrew for more information.

Will suggested entering a team for the Ten Tors challenge – anyone up for this?

Chris requested breaking the forum up into Child Boards to make things easier to find. This isn't that straightforward as going into a third layer of boards on SDH means Al gets an error

message every time something's posted into a third-layer board. Al is working on an alternative where threads are "tagged", gmail-style.

e) AOB

Al suggested getting some BCC t-shirts made up. However this raises the spectre of the Club Logo again. We need to revisit this, as membership cards will need reprinting in March.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be the regular monthly meeting on Thursday 12th February at 8pm, venue will be the Lopes Arms in Westbury.