



Proposals for a CNCC Committee Meeting

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Why do we wish to call a Committee Meeting?

The article published within the recent Descent magazine with respect to the Countryside Rights of Way Act (CRoW) 2000 and access to caves on CRoW land provides what could be a significant change to the way access agreements are managed and essentially, changes to the permit system. We (ULSA) consider it imperative that the CNCC and its representative committee member clubs meet as soon as possible to discuss how the CNCC are seen to be managing this in order to ensure we are representing the member clubs and northern cavers.

Proposed Agenda for the CNCC committee meeting

1. Discussion on matters relating to the CRoW Act and access to caves

Firstly we wish to provide the means for the CNCC club representatives to consult with their members on whether they broadly support the ideas laid out in the article written by Tim Allen and published in Descent 237 (pg 30-32), mainly that CRoW applies to caves at least in part and consider the potential implications?

There needs to be a decision made on whether the CNCC should support motions at the BCA AGM, to be held on 15th June that are to seek for greater clarity on whether CRoW applies to caves and/or encourage the BCA to campaign for the inclusion of caving under the CRoW Act?

It is important that all member clubs and northern cavers should be encouraged to contact the CNCC to make their representations known and/or attend the next committee meeting. Whilst they will not have a vote, all the membership and northern cavers should be encouraged to be involved in this debate.

2. Election of Access Officer

Following discussion of the issues highlighted for the CRoW Act and access to caves and the decisions that will be made, it will be useful to elect the Access Officer.

3. Any other business