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### 1 Attendance

#### Voting Attendees

#### 10 Voting reps

Alan Dempster	Avon Scouts	AD	
Alan Gray	Axbridge CG	AG	
Barry Wilkinson	White Rabbit CG	BW	
Dave Cooke	Cheddar CC	DC	Acting Treasurer/Webmaster
Dave King	MNRC	DK	
Estelle Sandford	BEC	ES	
Frank Tully	WCC	FT	Secretary
Graham Price	Cerberus CC	GP	C&A Officer
Hayley Clarke	MCG	HC	
Henry Morgan	UBSS	HM	
Judi Durber	EECC	JD	
Kevin Brockway	Hades CC	KB	
Linda Wilson	UBSS & BCA Rep	LJW	
Mark Tringham	Goucester SS	MT	
Peter Burgess	Wealden CMS	PB	
Tony Radmall	West Sussex Caving Club	TR	

#### Non Voting Attendees (Observers)

Andrew Atkinson	AA	Equipment Officer
Aubrey Newport	AN	Scrutineer
Bill Chadwick	BC	
Dave "Tuska" Morrison	DM	
Dave Keegan	DWK	Training Officer
Ed Waters	EW	Chair
Graham Mullan	GM	CCC Ltd rep
Pete Hall	PH	Comms Officer
Tom Harrison	TH	
Wayne Starsmore	WS	

### 2 Apologies for Absence

Tim Ball SMCC

### Recording of the meeting

The meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minute taking

### 3 Approval of minutes from GM 14 Feb 2022

Minutes approved with corrections, Proposed AG. Seconded PB, Vote passed Unanimous

#### 3.1 Action on FT to organise an in-person CSCC meeting next year.

EW I believe this is ongoing and will be discussed later on in this meeting.



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### 3.2 Officers to bring their role descriptions to the meeting

EW This is ongoing.

### 3.3 Gender Neutrality

EW this will be covered later in this meeting

### 3.4 Questions for the C&A Officer

EW These will be dealt with the C&A officers report tonight

### 3.5 Approval of minutes

Proposed LJW UBSS. Seconded AG ACG, Vote passed Unanimous

## 4 Chairman's report Ed Waters

I have written a statement in the latest CSCC newsletter,  
<https://csccl.org.uk/wiki/documents/start>

The virtual meetings have been very successful allowing more members to attend than in previous years, however I do not believe online meetings are best when discussing thorny issues. I propose that we have a workshop or conference in the coming year, where officers can meet one another and discuss the issues but also get to know one another in a way which is not possible online. One of the issues which may lend itself to being discussed in person is the proposals regarding access strategy, shared in the newsletter.

**Proposal that we have a physical workshop conference meeting this year, not necessarily a hybrid meeting.** Proposed ES BEC, seconded UBSS, Passed Unanimous

Various clubs offered to host the workshop, specifically because the Hunters does not have enough connectivity for a hybrid real and zoom meeting.

### 4.1 Zoom Account

DC BCA have a full zoom account which we are happy for us to use. The BCA account would provide us with our own admin login. The only restriction is the account only allows one meeting at a time. However timetable clashes would become apparent when you book a meeting.

JD Have you tried any other platforms other than zoom, for example Jitsi.

ES We have tried to use various other platforms, I have used Jitsi at work and it can be a bit flaky, Google meet and Microsoft Teams were also not always reliable. In general Zoom is reliable and uses the least bandwidth.

DK Our club as used various platforms, Jitsi was a bit flaky, in the end we settled on Zoom because it worked well for the most people.

### 4.1 A Vision for Underground Access in the South of England

From a purely personal standpoint I raised the issue of having more formal access policy in the newsletter. This is intended to spark discussion and is not a formal proposal. I would like to thank Tuska whose reply is published on the website along with the minutes.



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ES I believe a policy would be useful however we must be careful not to tie the hands of the C&A officer in negotiations.

GP Most of the contents of the policy is what I am doing currently. I have published my response to this proposal in my C&A report, (Published on the website with these minutes.)

EW Thank you for your well thought through response.

EW There is a fine balance between protecting the organisation from criticism and overly restricting the C&A officer.

PB GP has more or less covered what I was going to say, we simply need to codify what is already done.

DK Rather than policy perhaps it would be better be guidance.

LJW It is important to have policy or guidance. I think GP's statement is good preamble but there needs to be a balance between policy and guidance.

EW The reason I wrote the paper is because I believe that access in the Southern region has the perception of being problematical. I believe this is unwarranted but a lot of this is because we have historically been quite poor at explaining why the access controls which are in place are there. This policy or guidance is more about getting the underground exploration community behind us and communicating to them what and why we are doing it. Access is the biggest thing that CSCC does, and as such I propose we hold a workshop to go over some of these issues and come to a consensus over a framework which we can possibly bring to a future meeting or next years AGM.

GM I think your are right, this requires far more discussion than we can have at a meeting like this. However I feel it is important that people involved in managing access from all areas of the south are present.

EW I think it is wider than this but all cavers who would like to access caves have a say.

### **Proposal to hold a day long workshop for future access policy for CSCC.**

Proposed JD EECC, Seconded, DK MNRC, Passed Unanimous

Action of EW and FT for sorting out the venue and the date.

### **4.2 Better representation of individuals.**

Apologies for not bringing my proposals for this to the AGM as promised at the last AGM.

Are GP, DC & JD still happy to form a sub committee? They showed general agreement.

Action on EW to bring this to the next AGM

## **5 Secretary's report Frank Tully**

Nothing significant to report.

### **5.1 New Members**

SBSS South Bristol Speleological Society.

KURG Kent Underground Research Group

Both are long established clubs who are rejoining, both are BCA members.



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Proposal that SBSS rejoins CSCC, proposed by Cheddar and UBSS, Passed Unanimous

Proposal that KURG rejoins CSCC, proposed by Wealdon and MNRC, Passed Unanimous

EW I would like to extend a warm welcome to both of those clubs and I'm happy to see them back again.

### 6 C&A Report

EW Thanks for your lengthy report to the meeting and the briefer report in the newsletter. Could we open with general questions on the reports.

DK Longleat requires periodic inspection of fixed aids as part of their requirements. Will this apply to other caves.

LJW This is a landowner requirement above and beyond what the BCA insurers require.

#### 6.1 Funding – Singing River Mine

GP The existing gate is to be replaced with a new gate and a ladder attachment.

Now the access agreement is in operation we need to fit a gate. I estimate the cost is £1200.

FT What was wrong with the existing gate?

GP The existing gate had a steel grill which was going rusty and the landowner wants a new sheet metal gate.

HC The access agreement has now been agreed, the MCG are concerned about handling of the money?

GP The clubs are responsible about the collecting of the money. It is then paid directly to the landowner. I expect the landowner will contact the clubs.

GM Speaking as a treasurer of one of the clubs, I do not see an audit trail which can easily be followed. We need a clear and trackable system for dealing with this money otherwise it is open to abuse and the clubs could be liable.

GP Originally the payments were to be handled by the CSCC treasurer but this was too complicated so I put it onto the clubs to administer with the keys. Perhaps CSCC Treasurer could design a handling system for the money.

ES As BEC treasurer I do not want the additional issues associated with collecting the money and I do not want to lump this task onto any future treasurer.

JD If the landowner no longer wants a grill, is there a bat problem?

GP The existing gate is not galvanised which could rust and cause a safety problem, basically he wants a solid gate. I was not aware of it being a bat site and no one has raised the issue with me, I have never seen any bats in there.

DK I have issues with the cost of the gate. With the gate being in the back garden of someone's home and therefore not subject to vandalism, could a lighter weight and cheaper gate not do?



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GP I do not believe that a lighter gate would be much cheaper. The gates have to be reasonably heavy so they do not distort when they are galvanised.

PH Should we be spending lots of money on a gate? The access agreement is so complicated, and the collected of the money so onerous, I doubt many people will actually go down the mine.

GP We are where we are, this is the requirements of the landowner. The landowner has stated that if people are not happy with the access agreement they don't have to visit.. If someone proposes we pull out of the agreement that is fine.

LJW The price of the gate is going up phenomenally Could we not simply modify the existing gate closing the grill and making it last 5 years, then replace it when it fails and we know how many people are visiting the mine.

HC Could not half of the ten pound trespass fee go to funding the gate?

GP The landowner has already agreed that the money goes to him and he gives it to charity.

EW We have spent an awful lot of time discussing this important mine. I have a lot of sympathy regarding the amount of work GP has put in negotiating this agreement. Could I have a proposal for putting this gate into abeyance or a proposal.

LJW Can we not simply upgrade the existing gate and make good any corrosion?

JD We use the cave a lot and we really like it, we are upset that it requires BCA insurance, some of the people I cave with have caving insurance which is not supplied by BCA.

GP perhaps I could get the landowner to accept the alternative insurer.

TR I proposal to leave the gate as it is and wait a year, to find out how many people are visiting the cave before take the decision to replace the gate.

GP This is not an option, we have agreed that we are going to replace the gate. Perhaps we could renegotiate so that

EW We do not have a seconder for TR's proposal.

LJW I propose that the C&A officer goes back to the land owner and investigates a better value solution to the gate. Such that the grill is closed up and the rust is treated. Seconded DC.

Against 0, Abstention 0, Passed Unanimous.

DC To clarify some points:-

- The trespass fee is not so onerous because the price is £10 per group of up to six. Not per person.
- Insurance has got more complicated recently, but the landowner if indemnified if a single member of the trip is insured through BCA
- There cannot be a water tight audit trail and the landowner might at some time compare the bookings with the income and find a discrepancy. For example a group might book and then not actually go caving. We will have to suck it and see if this happens.



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MT I have various timber items in my garden that have lasted many years. Timber is a more fitting material than steel in a garden environment, so please consider the use of timber as a cheaper option.

### 6.2 Stoke lane second gate

GP The second stoke lane quarry gate has been made and is ready to fit.

EW This was brought up at the last meeting, there has been some misunderstandings, the audit trail through our minutes have been less than perfect and this has led to some confusion, in future CSCC needs to be more robust in how it records things.

**Post meeting note from Secretary,** Please read the minutes from the last meeting 14 Feb 2022, these were published on the website in draft form on the 16 Feb 2022 and a notification email regarding this was sent out to CSCC officers and members.

LJW Has the parish council been asked to put some money towards this, it being at their request?

GP If you read my report, I have applied for a grant.

1:25:20

EW I propose we leave the application for a parish council grant to the C&A officer.

PH What we haven't agreed is whether the second gate will be fitted.

GP November 2020 was the Parish Council first made the approach and I asked about putting a gate on the stream entrance. The Parish Council then raised the issue of the quarry entrance, which was put into my report for the May 2021 meeting. I assumed because the report was accepted that everyone was happy with the quarry gate.

DC Procedurally, I have always expected an officer to put forward a formal proposal for any expenditure, whether this proposal is in an officers report or not. By bringing it into the meeting there is no confusion with what has been approved. Looking at the main minutes there is no approval for the Stoke Lane funding, it is in the C&A report, but there is no price attached. So as far as I can see we have not approved any gates for Stoke Lane. As far as the main gate is concerned this was an oversight on my part, If I'd picked up on this I would have asked for it to be approved at a subsequent meeting.

DC Having had a long discussion with GP last night I feel that there has been no effort to deceive the meeting but it is down to our procedures being too lax.

PH The November 2020 minutes state; Proposal to spend £1000 on materials for a gate for Stoke Lane Slocker.

LJW Until this came up recently I was not aware about the second entrance. The site is an SSSI and because the stream entrance had an old gate frame I had no issue with installing a new gate. However if the quarry entrance did not have a gate fitted, I am unhappy fitting one.

GP The quarry entrance did have a gate when West London were digging it. I do not know when it was removed. When we continued digging it and broke through into Stoke I cannot remember if the gate was still there. So there has been a gate fitted.

EW The meeting needs to give the C&A officer some direction. The status quo is that GP continues fitting the stole lane quarry gate. If we do not fit the gate I assume the parish council will have something to say.



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GP I expect the parish council will want to contact the land owner and this will stir things up.

EW I wish to make it clear that not fitting the gate may have consequences.

FT I have a mandate not to fit the second quarry gate. I Proposal that the second quarry gate is not fitted FT WCC, Seconded TR WSCC,  
In Favour WSCC, WCC.

Abstentions MCG, UBSS, Wealdon, Cheddar, BEC, EECC, GSS.

Against, Axbridge, Cerberus, Avon Scouts, White Rabbit.

EW The C&A officer will continue with the planned course of action.

PH I am unhappy that the majority of clubs abstained, I assume because they were not mandated for this vote.

JD I Propose that the fitting of the second quarry gate is delayed until after the next general meeting, so the clubs can mandate their representatives. Seconded ES BEC.  
In Favour, MCG, UBSS, Wealdon, MNRC, ACG, Cheddar, GSS, BEC, EECC, WCC, WSCC, Hades,  
Abstention, White Rabbit, Avon Scouts, Cerberus.  
Against None

Action for the clubs representatives to take this question back to their clubs and come to the next general meeting with a mandate.

GP How are we going to explain to the clubs who haven't been party to this meeting, what the situation is?

EW We will have to find a way and be diplomatic.

### 6.3 Pressure Washers

GP The pressure washers were in my report early last year. They have been available for some time.

FT You reported to a previous meeting that the pressure washers were nearly ready for lending out but you still had to produce laminated instructions and develop a process for lending them out.

PH Could I have some words for the website, this looks like a fun story.

GP I will forward you some photos that I have taken of the washers.

1:47:53

### 6.4 Labels For Gates

EW We have been having an awful lot of damage to gates recently, this hopefully going to reduce this damage.

PH I have been investigating this, I am looking at some stainless steel labels for the gates. Hopefully this will reduce vandalism of the gates, publishing a legitimate method of gaining access and potentially being an advert for interested people to join clubs. These labels will include; CSCC; the name of the site; a web address for the access guide. I have had three quotes which are within £40 of each other, two are local suppliers. I propose we get 40 labels made and fitted, costing a total of £500

DC On funding, this has not been run past BCA. Action on the C&A officer to put a request to BCA for funding.





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Proposal to spend £500 on information labels for fitting to gates, proposed JD EECC, Seconded AG ACG, Vote passed Unanimous.

### 6.5 C&A Funding which we need to approve

DC What funding requirements are in the C&A reports, which we need to approve at this meeting?

### 6.6 Cow Hole

My proposal is to replace the existing gate with a standard gate which has a belay point on the inside. In addition, I propose we put up some markers to find the entrance, in a months time when the grass has grown it will be very difficult to find the hole without trampling all across the farmers crop.

I have estimated the total to be £1000, Proposed BW WRCC, Seconded AG ACG, Abstentions FT WCC, In favour 14, Vote passed nemcon

Action of C&A officer to get on with Cow hole gate.

### 6.7 Pigtail Risers & Tape

GP The last batch of a 100 cost £200, We lent them out to clubs very quickly so I propose we order 200, and the cost has gone up to nearer £300. I propose we potentially spend £700 on pigtail risers and tape.

DC We need to be careful of cash flow here. We expecting £2000 back from BCA soon but I would like CSCC to remain solvent. If we do not need them immediately I would recommend we delay them until after the next meeting, or if we urgently need them purchase a lesser quantity.

GP I have nearly finished the taping in Loxton, so subject to another project coming along we do not urgently need them.

PH If we approve them now could the C&A officer liaise with the treasurer purchase them when we need them.

Proposal to purchase up to 200 risers and tape for £700, proposed GP Cerberus, Seconded HC MCG. Vote Unanimous.

### 6.8 Waterwheel Swallet

GP As reported the gate has been vandalised and I attempted to repair it, unfortunately the repaired gate did not fit into the frame. I have since had a new gate made without approval, this has now been installed and it is open.

DC This was covered retrospectively last meeting. The expenditure for the new gate has been approved.





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### 6.9 Manor Farm Barn (Changing area on Priddy Green)

GP Since writing the C&A report, there has been an update regarding the new floor for the Manor Farm barn. Robin Main contacted me by phone, informing me that the roof had been repaired and I could order the wood to repair the floor, the wood has been delivered. Having visited the barn, the roof has not been repaired. Robin Main has cleared an area so the wood can be stored.

## 7 Treasurer

Report and accounts published on website

### 7.1 Accounts

The accounts have not been scrutinised by AN who is the examiner. Could the meeting approve the accounts subject to the approval by the scrutineer. Proposed DK MNRC, Seconded GP Cerberus, Vote passed unanimous.

### 7.2 Cash flow

DC CSCC normally has about 6k in the account, but because so much has been done on the C&A front, we have effectively run out of money. GP has already held back some of the invoices for money he has spent. There is a facility from BCA where we can borrow money. I would like to apply to BCA for a cash flow loan.

GP DC could not cover the latest expenditure of £4600 for gates and I have just spent another £1000 for the floor of the manor farm barn (Farmer Main's barn which cavers used to use for changing on Priddy village green), in addition I have another £1000 of expenses and there are additional gates which have not been invoiced for yet.

### 7.3 Introduction of new treasurer subject to election later in the meeting

EW Tom Harrison has put himself forward as the new treasurer, subject to election later in the meeting. Tom has to leave the meeting for work reasons.

## 8 Equipment Officer

AA We have received another batch of anchors and glue after using our stock in Approach passage Swildons. I have had another look at the 35 foot pitch in Eastwater, otherwise known as Dolphin Pitch, this will hopefully be completed in the near future.

AA We have had a request for anchor replacement at White Pit.

The meeting authorises the replacement of the White Pit anchors, proposed ES BEC, Seconded DK MNRC, Vote passed unanimous.

GP The Harfords landing climb in Loxton cavern has a handline, could we have a more permanent solution.

Action on AA to have a look at the Harfords landing hand line in Loxton cavern.

## 9 Communications Officer

PH The report is in the newsletter published last month.



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PH What we do notice on the stats which come through from the emails, is that some of the clubs are not forwarding the newsletter to their members. Could all club reps please forward the newsletter to their membership. If you have done anything which would be interesting to CSCC please send me a description and photos.

EW Thanks to PH for getting the newsletter out on time, I would also like to thank LJW who also spends a lot of time bringing it together.

### 10 Training Officer

DWK Its been a productive few months training has been provided. The next training course planned is an SRT training event, following the cancellation of the previous event because of low numbers. If anyone wants to help with this please come forward. Although these events are partially funded by BCA we will have to cancel the events if not enough people come forward.

DWK I am proposing that the claims for BCA funding of training events is managed in the same way that CNCC organise it, basically the claim is made to the regional council who then claim it directly from BCA.

DWK Due to work commitments I will not be around much for the next 7 months. I am happy to return to the role when I return. If anyone wants to take over from me temporarily please contact myself or EW

EW Thanks to DWK for organising training over what has been a difficult year for face to face training.

### 11 BCA Representative

LJW Report published in news letter.

LJW Nothing specific to add to the report. I have been participating with the BCA working group for constitution and working practises, this has been very productive, if anyone individually or as a club representative has anything which they think could be improved please contact myself. The main change coming up at the next BCA AGM is a reduction in the number of individual members and group members having votes on council, there are currently four of each role and the AGM will vote to half this. BCA council historically has had very little representation in those roles. However if you feel you have something to say and wish to put yourself forward for those roles I'm sure you would be welcome.

LJW I however do require firm guidance on what happens next after the BCA judicial review. Do we want to spend more money on an appeal?

TR As a BCA council member I would recommend we do nothing regarding the judicial review until we have some firm proposals from BCA working group.

LJW What I am worried about is, that there is about a month's window to make an appeal against the findings of the judicial review. So I would like a mandate in case an emergency meeting is convened to allocate further funds to this.

PH One of the conditions that David Rose recommended before continuing is that there was money paid back from the previous case.

LJW The maximum BCA can recover is £30k there are unlikely to get all of this.



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Clubs who have mandates not so spend any more money on this court case, PB Wealdon, HC MCG, DK MNRC, CP Cerberus, LJW UBSS,

Clubs who are mandated not to spend any money unless we have more information and a firm price is agreed, ES BEC AG ACG, BW WR.

EW CSCC Do not want to allocate any more funding to the court case unless more details are forthcoming and a firm price is agreed.

### 12 Webmaster's Report

Webmasters report is on the website.

Is it the intention to extract front of website stories from the newsletter.

### 13 Amendment to CSCC Constitution

#### 13.1 Proposed by the secretary

The word 'Chairman' to be replaced by the word 'Chair' in the following sections of the constitution; 5g; 6a; 6c; 6f; 6h

Proposed JD EECC, Seconded TR WSCC, Vote passed Unanimously

### 14 Election of Officers

#### 14.1 Posts with unopposed nominations

BCA Rep	Linda Wilson
Chairman	Ed Waters
Communications officer	Pete Hall
Equipment officer	Andrew Atkinson
Honorary Secretary	Frank Tully
Training officer	Dave Keegan
Webmaster	Dave Cooke

These nominations are accepted

#### 14.2 Posts without nominations

EW These posts are open for nomination from the floor of the meeting.

#### Treasurer

EW Tom Harrison has made it known that he would like to take on the role of Treasurer.

EW There were no other nominations from the floor of the meeting, so Tom Harrison is duly elected uncontested.

#### Scrutineer (Not an officer post)

AN I have a suggestion, there is someone who knows the accounts better than me and now he is not treasurer he is free to do the job.



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EW Proposal that DC is scrutineer for the coming years accounts

Dave Cooke is duly elected to the position of scrutineer

### 14.3 Posts with multiple of nominations

Conservation and access Graham Price

Conservation and access Wayne Starsmore

FT I have a mandate from my club: The constitution states that nominations need to be no later than 15th March. Other officers verbally made it clear they were going to stand again at the 14 Feb Meeting, Graham Price did not attend that meeting.

EW GP made it clear that he was willing to stand again at the November meeting.

EW We have both Graham and Wayne standing for the C&A officers position, it is unusual for this organisation that we have two willing volunteers coming forward for this most difficult position. However I have a proposal that they work together in the role.

WS This is a role which is too big for one individual. Sharing the role between more people would be no bad thing. I would certainly be willing to share the role. However I would like to get a grip on the role before working out how the work is going to be divided.

GP There's an awful lot of work to be done and I am happy to take on people to assist. I have been working with various individuals who have been interested in taking over the role anyway, as suggested by yourself (EW) in the past. The most important thing is having someone who can spend the time on the job.

LJW I have a mandate to propose a joint role with both people acting as officers on the committee serving as equals.

HC I would also like to see the role shared. Graham does a huge amount as shown in his report, however there is more work than one person can perform.

DK A joint role would receive approval from the MNRC.

Proposal that there is a joint role with both people acting as officers on the committee serving as equals. Proposed LJW UBSS, Seconded DK MNRC.

MT With the best will in the world and good faith on both sides it would be very hard to share such a difficult role. For example Stoke Lane Slocker presents such a nightmare, it would be even harder if two equal people were trying to come to an agreement.

Against GSS, WSCC, Wealdon, EECC, ACG, BEC, WCC. Abstentions Hades, WRCC  
For the proposal Cheddar, MNRC, UBSS, Avon Scouts, Cerberus, MCG.

Vote not passed.

Election for Conservation and Access Officer:

In favour of WS UBSS, Wealdon, BEC, GSS, WRCC, Cheddar, WCC, WSCC, EECC

In favour of GP MNRC, Cerberus, ACG, Avon Scouts

Abstentions MCG, Hades

EW Wayne, welcome to the role of C&A officer. Graham I would like to extend my personal thanks for all the very hard work you have done on behalf of CSCC and hope you stay involved.



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DC Could I propose a vote of thanks for all the work he has put in over the years. Passed Unanimous.

GP In light that I am no longer C&A officer could CSCC repay all my outstanding expenditure immediately. So somebody had better make arrangements with BCA to get the money from them.

EW It is only fair that we get on with this.

### 15 AOB

EW When will Ubley Warren Swallet be opening?

(Not answered in the meeting an **action on the new C&A officer to find out.**

### 16 Forthcoming events

ES The BEC are organising the Wessex Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### 17 CSCC Significant dates

Note. This is a list of important dates around the current CSCC year, which runs AGM to AGM. The dates of the AGM, notifications and deadlines are defined in the constitution, this is a reminder. Dates of meetings are initially decided at the AGM however they can be changed. Please consult the latest copy of the minutes or the agenda on the website.

Please note Meetings have been spaced evenly throughout the year, following the AGM which is fixed in the constitution and is traditionally the second Saturday in May. This was requested in the November meeting 2022.

Monday 15 August 2022 19:00 GM Zoom

Friday 11 Nov 2022 19:00 GM Zoom

Wednesday 1 Feb 2023 23:59 Notification to members of upcoming AGM (This is the notification)

Monday 13 Feb 2023 10:30 GM Zoom

Wednesday 15 March 2023 23:59 Deadline for AGM nominations

Friday 17 March 2023 19:00 Deadline for AGM constitutional amendments

Saturday 1 April 2023 23:59 Notification to members of AGM nominations

Friday 12 May 2023 19:00 AGM Zoom

Meeting duration 3:40

### Corrections

LJW email 12 Jun 2022, 11:20 Corrections applied

PH email 13 Jun 2022, 11:59 Corrections applied