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The Committee decided at the last meeting that because of the increasing sensitivity of sites and the urgent need for all flyers to act within the protection of the SHGC, a new approach to flying in the area must be made.

Firstly, the concept of club sites will end. All sites that are flown in the area, with the exception of private sites like Steyning, should now fall under the control of the SHGC. Since the club has spent a lot of time and money protecting all sites, it is right and proper that fliers should fly them according to SHGC rules, and pay for that protection.

Secondly all flying in the area will be according to the following new club rules:

- 1 No landings in take-off area or near spectators.
- 2 Different take-off areas must be separated by at least 400 metres.
- 3 All fliers must be up to at least elem. cert. standard unless under the control of a BHGA qualified instructor.
- 4 No flying alone. There must be at least one responsible person on site.
- 5 A nose man must be used when there are more than four machines soaring. It is his responsibility to give the all-clear signal for take-off.
- 6 If there are more than 10 gliders on site there must be an Air Traffic Controller.
- 7 Sheer cliff sites may only be flown by fliers with 'Pilot' grading.
- 8 No flying over major roads or power lines unless 'Pilot' graded.
- 9 All cross-country attempts must be covered by another pilot on site who knows the fliers intentions.
- 10 No flying of powered machines without prior application to the committee.

SITE NEWS

Ditchling Beacon. No change to regulations. Bottom landings only at triangular junction.

Devils Dyke. IMPORTANT CHANGE. No bottom landings at all. Only top landing or put it in on the side of the hill, if you can.

Mill Hill. All restrictions are now lifted, save that you must not land in the area of the field that still has a standing crop.

Steyning Bowl. No change.

Newhaven Cliffs. In accordance with the new regulations, only 'Pilot' badge holders.

Firle. Since the last report the agents have been in contact with the East Sussex County Council about a site management plan that we have prepared with the Council. Unfortunately these discussions have brought us no nearer obtaining permission to use the site. As the result the Committee are going to take action directly with Lord Gage the owner. We hope this will provide a positive indication of our obtaining use of the site again with the owners consent. A full report of the Gage meeting will appear in next months Windsock.

Beachy Head. Fly it, but very carefully.

The Tourism and Leisure sub-committee agreed to listen to representations on our behalf by Peter Barson of The Sports Council. Tony Maclaren and John Ievers also tried to talk to the sub-committee in an effort to persuade them that a bye-law banning hang gliding was unfair and based on no real evidence. These representations were met with what can only be called utter contempt.

Once more we appear set on a collision course with local government. It is now more important than ever to ensure that our flying is faultless. The future of flying in this area is very literally in your hands.

SMALL ADS

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