



Matienzo Caves Project planning meeting 2020
Clapham Reading Room Café – 6:30pm 7 March 2020
Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of agenda and points for AOB
3. Matienzo Cave Project report including update on web site and IT provision – Juan
4. The 60th event and progress on the “Book” - Juan
5. Brief review of activity in 2019 - Phil P
6. Expedition Equipment officer’s report – Big Steve
7. Expedition Treasurer’s report – Suzie
8. Bat project work – progress and activity planned for 2020 and what help and information is required from expedition members. **Jess Eades**
9. Overview of dates for Easter and Summer expeditions and who is likely to attend. Other dates when groups plan to cave in the Matienzo area
10. The 60th anniversary event in Matienzo – activities, planning, tasks to be allocated to volunteers etc
11. Primary expedition related tasks for 2019 including:
 - a. Changes to the Permit area
 - b. Survey coaching and advice and also corrections/updates/additions to surveys.
 - c. Casualty care and safety/rescue equipment – Phil P
 - d. Ladder manufacture?
 - e. Water tracing planned and if any extra materials or equipment is needed
12. Possible caving objectives to be discussed modified and agreed:
 - Continue work in Hazas de Cesto area to check out possible sites, and survey finds
 - Extend work to Ribamontán al Monte area (South of M-way next to Hazas area.
 - Fuente Aguanaz – pushing both SJ extensions and sump 3 (main end of cave)
 - Cueva Vallina – diving and ongoing work both downstream to West and pushing in Vallina III – Also worth pushing in Vallina II when downstream is not being pushed
 - Fridge Door Cave – push and dive upstream, digging to connect with Cueva Espada
 - El **Cubillón** – pushing extension found in 2019



- Torca el Suto (3450) drop and push undescended pitches and survey with view to connect with new passages in Fuente Aguanaz
- Cueva de Lolo – passage past sump/duck to be made safe (capping?) and pushed
- Four Valley System continue resurvey and pushing work including access to far reaches of Cueva Hoyuca) via Carcavuezo if water levels allow
- Fit tube into Giant Panda entrance and make **secure**
- Make safe/check BigMat Calf Hole
- North Vega System – push and survey in Mostajo below Golden Void
- Cubio de la Reñada – continue resurvey work
- Torca de Lastrilla – open and push tight slot at bottom of new pitches
- Torca de Peña Encaramada to Wild Mare Cave– if dry weather look to connect from Wild Mare Cave
- Continue to dig at key sites

13.AOB & Questions

Phil Papard, Jan 2019