

PCWG Meeting on the 15th of May 2018

Woodland Group attendees: Marjorie, Graham, Jeff, John, Mike, Stuart, Stu, Sheena, Dave, Elaine

Apologies: Nic, Lesley speaking Spanish, Callum teething, Dave and Louise returning from Greece, Charlotte

Any other business not covered in the agenda

- Discussion with Colin on moss. Sheena shared past activities and future plans.
Positive reception
- Opportunity to work with local camera club on peatland. Jeff to follow up
- Look to create fact sheet on history of work on the moss = ?who to do this
- Susan White community green space ranger and says that Portmoak Primary School are looking for ideas to help them achieve their John Muir Trust award. Various options including work in the orchard - bug hotel and weeding. Marje to meet HM to discuss and see how we can support
- Luke Graham MP - offer of assistance with our work. Popping and pulling. Stu cautious of his involvement. Others expressed view that there may be benefit for our group. Jeff to reach out to check what he wants to achieve and current knowledge.
Share our agenda, objectives and agenda
- Contact from individual to buy curling hut. Referred to the curling club
- Gary returning in June. Need to discuss Chris's project, future funding and removal of birch trees around edge of moss

Last set of minutes 17th of April

- Bog squad provided good support on the day. Would like a bigger conservation group - Lothian conservation. Young and keen. Look to book them now. Action for Mike
- **Should we be woodland trust volunteers of an independent group.** Most of our group has signed on as interim volunteers. Mike says WT model requires leaders - not our way. Stu, WT are a large group - we value our independence as a group. Follow up with Mathilda required on independent group insurance. We would need our own insurance and first aiders. Could train people locally on first aid for 65-85 pounds per head. (Mike will follow up). Initial feedback is that our own insurance would be around 130 pounds per year for 100 work days plus on- going costs of training every two years

Seek views of full group as to our preferred option in terms of ways of working

- Steps repaired and gates near sheep pen repaired
- Need to set date for Xmas tree pruning - proposed date of 27th of May 11.00am
- Chris's project. Updated quotation document - need final version from Louise
- Sheena donated short dated drinks
- Louise and Dave to follow up with George regarding butterfly/moth day
- Himalayan Balsam - hold fire for a little while to remove it. Must be removed before seeds form. John to evaluate situation and propose action date and communicate to the group

- Ramp unlikely to proceed until we have Gary back
- Invite speakers to talk about science/conservation - ? who is to action
- Lesley to mail banking forms to Sheena for completion
- Purchase tic kits for our group - Stuart to buy a couple
- Marje conducted an education event for teachers took place in the bog. Went well.
Took specialist first aider. 15 teachers in total. Future bookings for kids already made

Meeting closed at 09.10