

PCWG Meeting on the 21st of August 2018

Woodland Group attendees: Marjorie, Graham, Jeff, John, Mike, Stuart, Dave, Elaine, Lesley, Dave, Louise Charlotte, Stu and Sheena

Apologies: Nic, Stuart and Chloe

Matters arising not covered elsewhere

- **Fact sheet** - Marje and Louise to compile a draft copy. In process and a draft ready for circulation. May be slightly long so please suggest amendments and post ratification it will be circulated for Woodland Group to use and loaded on the website
- Louise has invited **Roseanne Cunningham** to visit the Moss. Pending reply and we should hear in 2-3 weeks.?
- **Viewpoint indicator** is in the process of being fixed. Now finished and ready for transfer and installation - need to get WT to transfer and install
- **Orchard sign** pending repair by Stuart
- **Chair up the hill**. Matt will fix if we get the chair off the hill - need to agree how to do this when we install viewpoint indicator
- Charlotte has advised Jill of which tubes and supports need to be repaired. Woodland Trust will action
- **Dip wells** being assessed by Stuart. Some drop in levels in June. Need latest data from Stuart
- **Himalayan Balsam** - some further removal undertaken by PCWG members. Still needs further removal. What is the plan to remove the area by the new builds - new blitz in 2019?
- Louise sent email to Gill to see **WT policy on removal of Him Balsam** - will look to get volunteers to remove. Ragwort will not be removed unless near grazing area
- **Bog Day** - Lots of nice dragon flies seen. Water level was low. 2 dozen people attended the day
- **Jeff to coach George** on risk to bogs and his well-being from digging new ditches...nicely. Now having a Moth of the Month centre spread - Copper Underwing!

Agenda items

- **Memorial garden for Chris.** - Thanks to Dave, Elaine and Turfitt for the seed. Grass planted and looking good. Only a few patches? Need to fill the gaps and re-roll the rest. 09.30 meet on Thursday the 23rd of August.
Various options on solid wood log furniture - curved bench etc. Investigate using John's sleepers and a single forest bench/table. Need to discuss where we should put the seats/sleepers in the Orchard. Marje to ask Angus Turner.
Do we need an opening event - timing in Easter holidays - involve the school and Brownies
- **WT update**
Gary will make a return to Portmoak Moss in September

Wood fence at Grahamstone end of moss has been removed by Dave and Louise.
Deer gate not to be repaired in order to let the deer in and out - organise a new chasing party?
Dangerous tree near main entrance - left along field 150 mtrs has been cut down
Missing bridge spar in top north edge of moss repaired.
Strumming will be later in the year - save and orchid!
Additional trees are at 45 degrees - who will pull them down and when. Should be the WT.
We need poisoning- when will this happen? Louise will check.

- **Treasurers report**

Balance of 5600.

90 quid towards Chris's garden. Dedicate funds towards new seats for the garden.

Purchase high visibility tabard with PCWG branding - Lesley

- **Events**

Woodland Trust Volunteers - Jeff as main contact. We will all be leaders. Space for 6 people on the first aid course - need to agree a date?? Mike to propose a date after checking availability of the hall for a full day after contacting John Nicol.

Apple Day - Selected date is the 30th of September. Who will win the bake off?
Many people have volunteered to make cakes. Stu doing the gluten free version. Mike has done the new posters - to check if it is ready to print and will send to Louise.
Louise to ask Simon for the hall's table. Andrew bringing his cruncher. Collect apples from the orchard on the 29th of September - 10.30 am and all to participate. Please bring extra beakers and napkins. We need plastic sheeting once again - Mike to provide. We need bottles for the juice. Set up from midday. We need to be more assertive in collection of donations - Marje as collector of minimum 2 pounds per portion. Facebook posting and mailing will be sent out by Jeff.

Burns Supper ?.....investigate a Burns Ceilidh instead. Fixed costs can be cut to less than 200 pounds. Therefore fixed costs of 2 pounds per attendee. Helen has proposed a meal for 7 pounds per head. **Sheena to check her band and potentially involve other groups to play music.** Band would need their costs covered and free tickets. May be a cost of = 9 pounds per head with 100. Need to include a few Burns set pieces. Date of the 26th of January. Need to decide a cost per ticket - 10-15 pounds. Looking at a flat rate per ticket regardless of age.

AOB

- **Mike will get Lothian Volunteers lined up with date for next year.**
Photo club competition in September

Meeting closed at 09.25.