

## Minutes of Woodland Group 17th of September

**Woodland Group attendees:** Marjorie, Graham, Jeff, Elaine, Dave, Louise, Mike, Lesley, Dave, Louise and Sheena

**Apologies:** Dave, Charlotte, Chloe, Stu, Nic, Stuart Gary and John

**Matters arising not covered elsewhere - none**

**Minutes of last meeting approved**

### **Agenda items**

#### **WT update**

Post grad starts end of Sept - tbc

Broad-walk will be replaced with non slip surface

Scrub control scheduled for Sept/Oct - must be done very soon based on Peatland Action advice or it will be too late. **Louise will remind Gary**

#### **PCWG Report for WT**

Repair bottom gate - **we will ask Dave if has a big spanner to fix it**

Main path has a few large puddles - do we add more aggregate to prevent freezing in winter?

#### **Treasurers report**

Balance of 5615

Some additional expenses from Mike for the birch clearing day incurred - knife and gloves  
120 pounds from Lothian in expenses

We can claim for personal protection equipment from the WT - but this may come out off Gary's budget - can this be checked (**Mike will talk to Gill and Lesley to Mathild**)

#### **Dip well Data**

100ml across all sites - good improvement in levels. Data to be updated by Jeff

#### **Bog Booklet**

New ideas have been shared with Marje

**Marje will meet Mary next week and build a prototype for comment prior to printing**

#### **Events coming up**

Apple Day - hall available from 12.00

Weather - rain likely on Sunday.

**Ronny will help Dave Martin to put Marquee in garage at pub. Dave Batch will use his trailer to get it to Orchard on Saturday morning at 10.00. Erection asap after arrival at Orchard. John Whiteford has promised to help erect it. Mike and Marje will also help. Elaine will contact custodians of the marquee.**

**We need 3-4 wooden tables from the hall on the Sunday assuming that it is dry.**

**Lesley will bring a metal table for the mats to be placed on.**

**Apple collecting on Saturday pm- team effort**

**David Buchan and Ian Mitchell have apples we can collect as well - we need them**

**We need a dog poo sign - pin on gate. Lesley will design a nice one**

**Organising games - Sheena. Paper plates from Elaine and Marje**

**Elaine will source 20 forks**

**Buy new thugs - from Aldi - Louise to do. Jeff was right again...quote unquote Louise**

**Louise to bring plastic spoons - Elaine to bring her bamboo spoons**

**Coffee - Louise**

**Milk - Marje**

**Louise opens the hall at 12.00**

**Set out for on paper table clothes - Marje and Lesley to bring**

**Louise to bring 60 beakers - another 100 coming**

**Sugar - Marje and Louise**

**Serviettes - Marje**

**Massive team baking**

**Vegan option - Charlotte will be asked by Louise**

**Cruncher - Maike**

**Squisher - Dave B**

**Tea and Coffee - Elaine, Charlotte**

**Collection tins - Louise**

**Games - Sheena and girls**

**Money collector - Marje**

**Plastic protection for floor - mike/Dave**

**Health and Safety - Lesley will check hygiene requirements - wash the apples before use if dirty. Basin for people to wash hands prior to eating cakes - bring disinfectant wipes/solution (purchase from Aldi by Louise)**

**A911 - Road Safety - No special provision. Parents responsible for this own kids**

**Final email will be sent by Jeff on Thursday**

**Dedicated first aiders - Louise and Elaine with Lesley and handsome Dave**

### **Peatland Conference 3rd October**

**Mike might be able to go - will check with his boss - and attend full event**

Expenses will be paid - in whole or in part? This needs checked

### **Dragonfly ponds**

Digging new ponds. **Who will help.** Louise, Dave, Stuart Sheena??

People to advise on if and when they are available between the 28th of October and the 3rd of November - **Louise will ask people to let Danielle** know their availability.

**Jeff will respond to the minutes** of the meeting regarding management of ponds -

Mathilde's summary - and any key items missed

### **Recent events.**

#### **WTS Training Day**

Worthwhile

Seemed like a long day!

Lessons learned. 1. Keep a list of people in the group which their emergency contacts.

2. Wear safety gear if required and instructed. 3. Keep you equipment under control. 4. We cannot have volunteers just turn up unless they have been screened by Gary and registered by WT

#### **WT Award**

Mike and Lesley attending in November 17th

#### **Birch Pulling**

82 hours of activity. Louise, Marje, Sheena, Mike and Lesley took part in the action

Mike will write a report on new tree growth

Portmoak school will repeat their work post clearing activity

**Great initiative from Mike and Lesley..thank you**

**AOB**

Chris's bench will dry out as it is green wood. Normal pattern of ageing.

***Set up a conservation group to maintain moss - ask Mathilde to help set this up.*** This will be an agenda item for a future meeting

**Meeting closed at 09.30**