

Minutes of Woodland Group 16th February 2021 – Zoom meeting

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

Apologies: Gary, Nic and Stu

WT update

Portmoak

- I'm expecting delivery of the new bench seat for Portmoak Moss to be delivered end of Feb/ beginning of March. It will go directly to the contractor to be and be assembled installed soon after.
- Rickety rickety bridge – just awaiting quote from contractor for cost of repair.
- Mountain Man's des' res' – discussing with my line man' & H&S tomorrow aft' – amongst a lot of other topics.
- Spot weeding of freshly cut nat' regen' on raised bog is still online for end of March.

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- Thank you to all the group for their assorted contributions in relation to the amendments to the information board all very helpful, most adopted, one or two will be resolved when all the deer fence comes down.
- All deer fencing is still online to be removed this year as previously discussed. Note: we will be leaving all the fencing along the roadside in place (but may reduce it to stock fence height – subject to cost). We will also leave a short section (going up the hill) in place at either end to prevent dogs, children and crazy adults from running onto the road.
- There will be a new bench seat going in at the viewpoint over the next few months.

PCWG Report to WT

- Check where the spraying will be targeted?
- Re-submit last years application for Peatland Action funding plus £5000 to address issues with leaking from the Moss and new steps
- Sort treads in the Moss steps
- Glass coming out of ground at entrance to Grahamstone – potential Health and Safety issue

- Farmer James Drysdale happy for gate to be installed
- Waiting for dry weather

AOB

1. Should we look to improve the whole entrance to the moss at the Grahamstone access. Could this be a funding target. Check with Gary about plans for timber extraction.
 2. Mike has produced a special calendar - and will sell with profits going to PCWG
 3. Should we set a calendar of events for 2022 – life goes on!
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