

PORTMOAK MOSS MINUTES 20.3.12

Well Country Inn, Scotlandwell

Present: Dave and Louise Batchelor, James Gilmour, (Woodland Trust), Jim Shepherd, Stuart Garvie, Leslie Botten, Michael McGinnes, Jeff Gunnell.

Apologies: Karen McDonnell, Alison Bradley.

1. Portmoak Moss access. Unanimous agreement to secure land beside the main track into the Moss. Stuart and Dave to progress.
2. Orchard planting phase 2, March 25 11am. Posters and flyers being distributed. Spades supplied by Michael. Ties, vole guards and stakes from James. Tea/juice/biscuits SG./ LB. JG advice to remove oak saplings and replant. Leave hazel.
3. Woodland Trust update. Kilmagadwood – young trees to be weeded by contractor late April. James said tree planting had been a superb success. Some stake and tube maintenance will be done higher up. Viewpoint indicator: Jim to approach Ian Roberts to build support; JG emailing specs (done). Portmoak Moss: WT have cleared some fallen trees. Possibility of removal for firewood – for a donation. James has surveyed all bridges and handrails. It's the 3rd and final year of the Scottish Wildlife Trust contract to remove birch regrowth. Discussion continues over further funding for the bog restoration. MMcG to ask SNH about equipment to install our own dams. LB in close touch with Jonathan Hughes of SWT about funding opportunities. Potential for PCW to lease part of the Moss. JG to send e-copy of lease on another community woodland. LB to circulate.
4. AOB: DB and JG break into The Dambusters.
5. Next meeting 17th April 7.30pm The Well Inn, Scotlandwell.