

Minutes of Woodland Group on 16th April 2019

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

Apologies: Dave, Stu, Nic, Callum

Minutes of previous meeting approved aside from wrong date 2019 not 2010

Matters arising not covered elsewhere

1. The WT Management Plan is still not available - Gary on the case
2. Need to put a bid in for SNH funding post Easter. Try to pick a date
3. Dip well data forward by Jeff to SNH (data monitoring team) and WT

Treasurers Report

See AGM details

Woodland Trust Update

- No specific update for PCWG. Gary focussed on the Border due to large contracts.

- Reminded on need to poisoning- August looking the likely time

- Inter agency environmental group doing a tour - plan to visit Portmoak Moss on the 30th of April, 15.00 to 17.00.

- No new list of outstanding work. What is happening with the old seat up the hill. It is dead!.....Do we need approval to replace...Issue with liability. WT would only replace from bequests/dedication. Louise to review dedication seats - certified oak.

Someone is widening ditches in the Moss - who is doing this?? Also seen some cutting and piling of wood?? **Investigation required to identify the culprits - need to keep our eyes open**

Activities

Chris's Project: Funding response likely in May. Dave has added fertiliser which was donated by turffit. Now been rolled by Dave - thanks. Angus has ordered all materials ordered for the table and bench.

Woodland Trust and PMCW group working relationship- we are one year post the start of the new way of working. Seems that we need to follow similar codes and policies ie. Heath and Safety whether we are independent or part of WT. We still have some degree of flexibility in terms of local implementation. Continue with existing arrangement with a further review in a year

Events

Dawn chorus: 4th of May 04.00. Who is in charge of tea?

Signs: Have now been erected by Stuart

Christmas Tree pruning: Successfully completed

WTS biodiversity day: planned for the 15th of June. Mathilda is leading this.

Teachers day: 22nd of May. Now planned with local teacher - sampling projects with robust data gathering. Teacher is the person in charge and Gary needs to

provide the site risk map as part of the H&S assessment. Charlotte will try and support the event.

Birch Pulling: When should this stop - Louise pending a reply from the Bird Recorder? Unless we have conducted a survey in the area we are planning to work in, and determine that there are no nesting birds, we should stop pulling until the end of the bird breeding season

Next Christmas Tree Event: 15th of December

Apple Day booked: date tbc 22nd of September

Massive Tree Pulling Event: Mike gathering a large team of 40 to clear the Moss. Most likely in September. Look to provide food, drink, entertainment and accommodation.

AOB

Explore developing a **booklet on the Moss** for visitors to use - Marje to explore costs of producing this.

Inter-generational film is being made - the Moss is being featured in the film being made by Portmoak Primary children. Will be shown at Portmoak Festival

As part of the Festival it has been proposed that there is **picnic/treasure hunt for young children.** Elaine to liaise with Nic on specific requirements and the involvement of PMCW group.

Launch event for the new table/bench in June at our Tuesday night meeting - hold the meeting in the Orchard assuming it is dry, still, warm and sunny....likely

Dog fouling: Positive message of benefits of clearing up. We need a photo of Sheena & Charlottes' children

Recruiting volunteer workforce: we need more workers in the Moss. Look to recruit non committee members who want to do work in the Moss. Post on Facebook.

Meeting close 09.25