



As the SG has announced increased funding for peatlands this group would like to explore the possibility of applying for some additional funding.

**Sheena** will write a summary of the suggestions for this funding and send it to **Jeff** for onward direction to Gary/Andrew McB

Marje has prepared a summary of the funding bid to the Portmoak Festival and **Elaine** is taking the bid to the committee for their consideration.

#### 8. Dipwell data

This has been updated and **Sheena** and **Stuart** will contact the group in late August to ask for volunteers to assist with maintenance and expansion of the dipwells.

#### 9. Events - birch pulling, apple day

Apple day - 22<sup>nd</sup> of September - tree-man is booked and **Louise** will put an advert in the Kinross Newsletter. This year we will produce a *fact sheet* which will show how events like this are funded and invite participants to consider contributing to some of our costs such as mowing and maintaining the orchard.

Everyone needs to bake cakes with an apple theme

Some local children will be doing a mini fundraising with a creative apple theme!

**John** will put up the gazebo in the orchard.

Mike continues to arrange for groups to come to help us with our major birch pulling event on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Approx 30 outside people are likely to be attending. TBC. **Mike** to ask Cadets for permission to be photographed.

#### 10. Dragonflies, ponds, peat restoration, plans for an extra meeting

Jeff has produced a starter document for consideration. All comments to be made directly to Jeff ASAP. This doc will be sent to Gary et al prior to the site meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

#### 11. Himalayan Balsam

Very successful day taken place and **John** will arrange a further date in the near future.

#### 12. AOB

#### 13. Date of next meeting 20.8.19