

Minutes of Woodland Group 12th of October

Woodland Group attendees: Marjorie, Graham, Jeff, Sheena, Charlotte, Stuart

Apologies: Dave, Dave, Elaine, Louise, Mike, Lesley, Nic, Stu, Chloe, Callum, Gary and John

Matters arising not covered elsewhere

Marjorie offered self congratulations for her versions.

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?

Mike has to write report on Birch pulling activities

Minutes of last meeting approved

Agenda items

WT update

Will mark areas for cutting around main drains - look to mark trees that we want to save.

Broad-walk will be replaced with non slip surface - will use an environmentally friendly solution. Very nice product. Extend over the floods bit.

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

Kilmagad wood and orchard - Proposals to remove the deer fence as trees are now well established. Need to keep a lower fence next to the roads to keep dogs and kids safe.

Has the poisoning been done? - if not why not, as this would be the second year in a row that this has been promised and documented in the management plan, but not undertaken.

? PhD student has started?

Treasurers report

Balance of 5821.98 after Apple Day

Lothian Conservation - paid 106 for expenses and 167 to Andrew Lear for the Apple Day

Some additional expenses from Mike for the birch clearing day incurred - knife and gloves

120 pounds from Lothian in expenses

We purchased plastic floor covers x 2.

Mathilda will confirm date for backdating claims - only pay for PPE (kit) (Up to Gary) We need the relevant forms - Jeff to follow up.

Dip well Data

Latest data now uploaded to the website.

Data does not highlight change in water level since reprofiling - due to natural variation/noise. High confidence that overall water level has gone up.

Will aim to do measurements every 6 weeks.
Look to measure level in dips/depressions.
Sheena will revisit the data set she sent to Jeff.

Bog Booklet

New ideas have been shared with Marje
Marje has met Mary and will build the prototype for comment prior to printing.
Marje's draft will be ready for December meeting. Marje to write to WT to get the official logo. Suggestion made to update PCWG logo for 65 pounds - to modernise and include bog. Approved by meeting.

Events coming up

WT Award - Mike and Lesley attending in November 17th

Dragonfly ponds - digging new ponds on 1st of November. Who will help/observe.
Louise, Dave, Stuart?

Jeff responded to the minutes of the meeting regarding management of ponds -
Mathilde's summary - and highlighted minor omission.

Jeff going to Grantham on Health and Safety training - we wish him well.

Burns celieh- where will we sell tickets if the shop has gone = garage, farm shops
? Dates - has this been confirmed
? Have we booked a band?
? Is the hall booked

Christmas Tree day

? Date of the 15th of December
? Need to confirm who can be there on the day.
Agenda item for the next meeting - November 19th

Recent events.

Apple Day was a great success - 80 people attended including 30 children. The marquee worked out well. Lots of positive feedback.
Should we host the event slightly later as the apples were not all ripe? Last week of September?
Stuart promises to attend next year as he loves cakes.
Has the date been set so we can book Andrew - Louise to ask?

Peatland Conference 3rd October

Mike and Jeff could not attend. We will be asked earlier next year as we have a good story.

AOB

Set up a conservation group to maintain moss - Mathilde says we can create a new group of people but they would need our leaders to be responsible. We will try to recruit at the Christmas Day event

Meeting closed at 09.00.....interesting....what conclusion can we draw?