

Minutes of Woodland Group 15th of December 2020 – Zoom meeting

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

Apologies: None.

WT update: None

PCWG Report to WT

- Bridge near Alison's house need repaired

Treasurers report

Actual bank balance at 15 December 2020 £5,575.85

Transactions since last meeting: no payments have been made.

Donation received (not yet banked)

Dr J Macleod (cheque)	50.00	** reported at last meeting
K & S Baird (cash)	60.00	
Alison Bradley (bank transfer)	25.00	
		bank charge to be deducted from above

Just Giving donations following on from Christmas Tree event cancellation

Total pledged by 8 donors	
(includes £10 from Treasurer testing the page)	210.00
LESS fee at 2.9%	6.09 –
LESS 25p per donation	2.00 –
total	201.91

All the donations were made within 2 days of email or facebook posts.
Amounts ranged from £5 to £100.

Proposals for potential funding

- Better publicity for Woodland events
- New sign at Grahamstone side of Moss
- Increasing size of path at top of the moss
- New name plates for trees in Orchard
- ? Refurb curling pond – appears that there is some work taking place to block the drain to allow pond to flood. Stuart will follow up. Plan to get farmers to clear the trees
- Purchase a new drill to create more Dipwells – or get the technical teacher at the High School to make them

- Ed Heather-Hayes, manager of The Leven Project, and Jeff discussed various options for funding. Pulling out birch at edge of moss / complete reprofiling / proper landscape plan for deep peat / buying deep peat ground which is currently used as sub-optimal farm land. Also expressed interest in our education initiatives. Would he provide funding to buy the moss and upkeep

More dipwells / more dams?

Engage with our community with a Boginar 2

- Need to review and prioritise at the next meeting.

Orchard Board

- No news from the Woodland Trust on draft notice boards or plans for installation

- Booklet pending new boards

Dave's Gate

- Proposal to put in a gate or stile from the field below Jeff's home into the Moss. Avoids damage to the existing fence

- Explore options for installation – Mike or Drysdale's or Angus or Ally. Batch to get quotes

- Question as to who will maintain the stile/gate ?–.

Nature Notes

- Could we create a blog for people to add new content/sightings

- Would Stu explore options on linking a blog to our website

AOB

- What options are there to allow kids to undertake activities in the Moss related to the John Muir Trust. Could we repeat 2019's activity. Need to explore with the School and Woodland Trust. Marje and Sheena to develop further

- Stuart wants to meet with Gary in the New Year to get a clear view on WT's plans for the Moss when the Trees come down. Particular concern regarding the dam on the main trench.
