

PMCG Meeting 21 09 21 (by Zoom)

Present: Jeff G, Elaine and Dave C, Stuart Lesley B. Michael McG. Sheena, Tanji, Charlotte, Graham and Marje, Nic and Stu Welcome to Peter

Apologies: Batchelors, John W

Woodland Trust Update - Garry

- a) Orchard deer fence removal - WT want to take down remaining section by road after Christmas, Stuart explained H&S risk (kids and dog use etc) Gary will try to stop removal or at least leave normal size fence.
- b) Thinning and reprofiling
 - few adult birch left on dome but probably won't survive to cause birch seeding once moss rehydrates post reprofiling.
 - Machinery has left path in bad repair in some places - full replacement planned by WT next year and will be repaired in meantime.
 - Advisory signs have been well accepted, will update some signs to explain reprofiling.
 - Have received query re availability of felled trees for firewood – will erect educational signs to explain why its not available!

PCWG report

Ash dieback (in Kilmagad Wood)– younger trees worst. Check Woodland Trust policy if should be left on site or removed?

Thank Woodland Trust for work done during last year

Treasurers report - Leslie

bank balance at 26 Aug 2021 £5,072.20

- Transactions since last meeting:
- Wellside Power Wash(Orchard mows) - £180.00

DONATIONS In

- impromptu cash donations Sat 28 August £7.57
(at Michael's meet the public morning)
- Kinross Climate Café guided visit 12 Sept £50.00

Plan for year

Xmas tree reccie for suitable specimens – TBC at November meeting

Green Prescribing – all gone quiet. Suspect it's on backburner as Covid heating up. Mike will continue to send them event dates. Will leave it up to them to contact us if need be.

Updates Climate Café – filming on moss – **Jeff** to share their Youtube channel

Apple Day

Lesley event overseer, Dave C has enough volunteers to help set up on Sat. Duties on the day:

- electric scrapper (at hall)– Mike and Graham,
- mechanical scrapper (in orchard) - Dave and Peter
- Apple Press - Batchelors
- Catering - Elaine and Charlotte, any food offerings gratefully received – please bring 12-2pm
- Stuart - apple transporter
- Kids activities - Marje and Tanji
- Fiz also available to help

Folk have been asked to wash apples before bringing. Probably not feasible to rinse other apples before scragging, especially in orchard.

Event will be cancelled if washout weather (as hall not suitable in Covid times). Might press apples in hall in, but not with public?

AOB

- Plaque for Shep – Nancy was asked at his memorial event and was very keen on the idea. Will put on bench on the path up Bishop hill.
- Labels on fruit trees need replaced as growing into bark – Sheena and Charlotte to progress and investigate using Dymo for replacement labels (if water/weatherproof?)
- First aid recertification to be organised and paid for by Woodland Trust. Jeff to coordinate for dates and location.
- Tree down at sheep pen – Mike cleared path. WT tree fellers will hopefully chop if time.
- Birch weeding progressing well; Line 3 nearly done

Date of next meeting 19th October 2021