



Minutes

21.11.2023 19:30 Well Country Inn

1. Present: Louise, Dave, Michael, Lesley, Simon, Jeff, Izzy, Elaine, Dave C, Tanji

2. Apologies: Charlotte, Sheena, Nic, Stu, Calum, Stuart, Marje, Graham.

3. Previous meeting Minutes.

Proposed - Izzy

Seconded - Louise

4. Treasurer's report

5. PCWG update

- fallen trees on paths but not the main one, **IZZY** to check if the contractor can deal with them probably

- birch pull Michael outlined what had been done by Sepa, the bog squad and Lothian volunteers. Positive feelings about the effectiveness. Lesley has pulled 3000, on her jack jones, since September. Hooray.

- whittling happened. Only 5 punters because 2 didn't show. Nonetheless very successful.

- we had a stand at St Paul's, Kinross on the w/e 18/19 Nov. Beautiful art based on the moss by Ann Taylor. Michael sold calendars. The church want a 12 foot Christmas tree.

- IUCN report. Completed by Louise and Jeff. Well received. IUCN peatland programme Directors want to visit the Moss. **LOUISE** will invite them to the Christmas tree event. Possible Boginar invite.

- CBeebies in the Moss transmission date. 13th December 15.15pm.

LOUISE will let George Anderson, press officer for the WTS, know. Waiting for response from the TV company on what advance publicity we can do.

DAVE telling the school.

6. WT update:

- 'Assemble' - new volunteers website. Expense claim for the saws. **CHARLOTTE** to submit the claim with assistance, if needed, from **MICHAEL**, who is familiar with the system.
- Classical Music in the woods via phones. An artist has asked the WTS for permission to put up QR codes in the Moss. **IZZY** will take it on.
- a few fallen trees have been removed and 2 bridges have been replaced. -
- -Izzy- update on Peatland Action communications? Will meet Colin Castle of Peatland Action on site in the next few days. Peat Bunding? Other advice?
- Himalayan Balsam communicated with Michael
- Labels on fruit trees. Carry On.

7. Sumup Credit card reader. Discussion. Universal approval but concerns around security. **CHARLOTTE** to talk to Sumup after discussion with Michael or Tanji

8. Recruitment: Produce flyer, write blackboard, sign up sheet? **SIMON** will be head of recruitment for the Christmas Tree event. **SIMON** to write his own job description/words for recruitment. **JEFF** to include an invitation to volunteers in his Christmas tree email invite.

- Discussion of the nature of volunteering. Not as difficult as we used to think.
- **LOUISE** to send Izzy the PCWG logo for possible inclusion on a WTS volunteering poster. Izzy explained that as long as we submitted event notifications, TRAs and one of the group's event leaders was present we can have people joining in events without being fully signed up WTS volunteers. But if we want to run regular events, such as birch pulling, without all the paperwork, the participants must be WTS volunteers.

9. Xmas Tree Recce: results of survey on 17.11 there are trees but not an abundance.

10. Xmas Tree Event Sunday December 10th: **LOUISE** ask Stuart if we can use his Gazebo.

-Who? Lesley is event leader. Simon head of recruitment. Elaine is head of catering. Fiz has offered to help at the car park.

-where- by the main steps. Final site to be decided on the 9th.

11. Review plan for the year: corrections, additions etc.

- Re apple tree day - no date yet (TANJI to amend calendar.
- NBird Box day Feb 10th - reach out to Dollar bairns an a'.

12. A.O.B Simon has a good book about peatlands. He will bring it

- Izzy and Lesley - tree guards above the Kilmagadwood path now to innaccessable to be removed by mere punters. **DAVE** to approach Farmer Drysdale about removing the tree guards at the top of his field.

Michael is fungi liason.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday December 19th