

Minutes of Woodland Group 17th of September

Woodland Group attendees: Marjorie, Graham, Jeff, Elaine, Dave, Louise, Mike, Lesley, Dave, Louise and Sheena

Apologies: Dave, Charlotte, Chloe, Stu, Nic, Stuart Gary and John

Matters arising not covered elsewhere - none

Minutes of last meeting approved

Agenda items

WT update

Post grad starts end of Sept - tbc

Broad-walk will be replaced with non slip surface

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

PCWG Report for WT

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?

Treasurers report

Balance of 5615

Some additional expenses from Mike for the birch clearing day incurred - knife and gloves
120 pounds from Lothian in expenses

We can claim for personal protection equipment from the WT - but this may come out off Gary's budget - can this be checked (**Mike will talk to Gill and Lesley to Mathild**)

Dip well Data

100ml across all sites - good improvement in levels. Data to be updated by Jeff

Bog Booklet

New ideas have been shared with Marje

Marje will meet Mary next week and build a prototype for comment prior to printing

Events coming up

Apple Day - hall available from 12.00

Weather - rain likely on Sunday.

Ronny will help Dave Martin to put Marquee in garage at pub. Dave Batch will use his trailer to get it to Orchard on Saturday morning at 10.00. Erection asap after arrival at Orchard. John Whiteford has promised to help erect it. Mike and Marje will also help. Elaine will contact custodians of the marquee.

We need 3-4 wooden tables from the hall on the Sunday assuming that it is dry.

Lesley will bring a metal table for the mats to be placed on.

Apple collecting on Saturday pm- team effort

David Buchan and Ian Mitchell have apples we can collect as well - we need them

We need a dog poo sign - pin on gate. Lesley will design a nice one

Organising games - Sheena. Paper plates from Elaine and Marje

Elaine will source 20 forks

Buy new thugs - from Aldi - Louise to do. Jeff was right again...quote unquote Louise

Louise to bring plastic spoons - Elaine to bring her bamboo spoons

Coffee - Louise

Milk - Marje

Louise opens the hall at 12.00

Set out for on paper table clothes - Marje and Lesley to bring

Louise to bring 60 beakers - another 100 coming

Sugar - Marje and Louise

Serviettes - Marje

Massive team baking

Vegan option - Charlotte will be asked by Louise

Cruncher - Maiké

Squisher - Dave B

Tea and Coffee - Elaine, Charlotte

Collection tins - Louise

Games - Sheena and girls

Money collector - Marje

Plastic protection for floor - mike/Dave

Health and Safety - Lesley will check hygiene requirements - wash the apples before use if dirty. Basin for people to wash hands prior to eating cakes - bring disinfectant wipes/solution (purchase from Aldi by Louise)

A911 - Road Safety - No special provision. Parents responsible for their own kids

Final email will be sent by Jeff on Thursday

Dedicated first aiders - Louise and Elaine with Lesley and handsome Dave

Peatland Conference 3rd October

Mike might be able to go - will check with his boss - and attend full event

Expenses will be paid - in whole or in part? This needs checked

Dragonfly ponds

Digging new ponds. **Who will help.** Louise, Dave, Stuart Sheena??

People to advise on if and when they are available between the 28th of October and the 3rd of November - **Louise will ask people to let Danielle** know their availability.

Jeff will respond to the minutes of the meeting regarding management of ponds -

Mathilde's summary - and any key items missed

Recent events.

WTS Training Day

Worthwhile

Seemed like a long day!

Lessons learned. 1. Keep a list of people in the group which their emergency contacts.

2. Wear safety gear if required and instructed. 3. Keep your equipment under control. 4. We cannot have volunteers just turn up unless they have been screened by Gary and registered by WT

WT Award

Mike and Lesley attending in November 17th

Birch Pulling

82 hours of activity. Louise, Marje, Sheena, Mike and Lesley took part in the action

Mike will write a report on new tree growth

Portmoak school will repeat their work post clearing activity

Great initiative from Mike and Lesley..thank you

AOB

Chris's bench will dry out as it is green wood. Normal pattern of ageing.

Set up a conservation group to maintain moss - ask Mathilde to help set this up. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting

Meeting closed at 09.30