

# WOPLAW WARDENS Minutes of Meeting 25th June 2014 at Wooplaw



**Present:** Bob Fleet; James Collin; Dave Donnelly (Chair); Anna Craigen; Wendy Ball;  
**Apologies:** Eoin Cox; Donald McPhillimy

Minutes from the previous meeting were circulated.

## MATTERS ARISING

### OSCR register

- Late submission fine has been paid
- correspondence email set up = regulation@wooplaw.org.uk

**ACTION:** James C. to inform OSCR of new office bearers

**ACTION:** Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations require access to accounts. Bob F. will give James C. electronic files and James C. will put these in the Archives for public access.

### Seedcorn grant

**ACTION:** Bob F. to discuss seedcorn grant proposals with Ian Laidlaw. On-going.

**ACTION:** Wooplaw Community Woodland has not had further contact from Alasdair T. re. Branching Out project. The Wardens have some reservations but will await developments.

- There are indications that the Longpark Windfarm Project could accept a memo of understanding to support Wooplaw Community Woodland. Bob F. is on the case.

### Information

**ACTION:** Dave D. is updating the current list of Wardens - on-going

## ON-GOING BUSINESS

### 1. GROUPS

- 75 Scouts camped out in Wooplaw over two days. Dave D. and Bob F. supported the Scouts and the event was successful. Dave D. suggested that it was problematical finding meaningful things for the young people to do, although they all had a good time.
- The Drystane Walling Association will come and do work as they see fit.

### 2. WOODLAND WORK

- Anna C. bringing two volunteers to make square drain at bottom of Big Wood.
- Anna C's team of volunteers have made a significant impact on thinning the secondary birch growth
- It was agreed that the growth of rosebay willow herb needs to be checked
- Donald McPhillimy has agreed to offer a coppicing session next year (2015)
- Squirrels: no further communication from squirrel expert

**ACTION:** Bob F. to arrange date and volunteers for squirrel cull - on-going

**ACTION:** There is a need for a dynamic Task List with the facility of noting when tasks are completed and by whom. James C. is to set this up on Google Docs and to make it available to all Wardens who can take an active part.

### 3. EVENTS

JUNE: demoted to "Chill Out" weekend

JULY - Dragon Hunt (Dave Hardwick)

AUGUST: weekend 23rd - 24th is the CWA Conference/ weekend of 31st is pencilled in as "Wild in the Woods" an event for families with Anna Craigen.

SEPTEMBER: Foraging. Alasdair T. has agreed to come

OCTOBER: Wooplaw will have a stand at Tweed Valley Forest Festival 25th - 26th October. Alasdair T. invited to join stand. Halloween Event.

NOVEMBER: ??

DECEMBER: Blow away the Cobwebs

**ACTION:** Bob F. is attending CWA conference in Dunbar representing Wooplaw

**ACTION:** Anna C. has suggested that Wooplaw applies for grant funding for an events programme. There are very exciting possibilities to put on a range of events that could attract a large number of different audiences. No specific action suggested.

### 4. FINANCE

- James C. has paid all outstanding bills.

**ACTION:** Accounts are cleared but will be audited and submitted to OSCR in July

## NEW BUSINESS

1. There was enquiry from another community woodland regarding problems of dog fouling. This is not a significant issue at Wooplaw being in a rural location. However, Anna Craigen has offered to answer this query as she has experience from other more urban woodlands.
2. The 5p charge on polythene bags is to go to "green" causes. Bob F. asked if Wooplaw could benefit from this in some way.

**ACTION:** Dave D. is to ask if local causes can benefit from this revenue at Tesco

**Next Wardens' Meeting:** Wednesday, 30th July at 19:00 at Wooplaw

**Next Event:** Dragon Hunt, Sunday 3rd August