

**WOOPLAW WARDENS  
Minutes of Meeting  
22nd October 2014  
7pm at Wooplaw**



**Present:** Dave Donnelly – chair, James Collin – Treasurer, Bob Fleet – Sec, Chris Fairgrieve and Stephen Baker.

**Apologies:** Wendy Ball and Will Finlayson

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **OSCR register**

Dave and James have received notification of their appointment as directors from Companies House.

**James C.** to inform OSCR of new office bearers AND of new email address - on-going

**James C** to check if Nic made the appropriate payment OK.

**James C.** will check if the treasurer can be Company Secretary too and to inform Companies House of new email address.

**Anna C.** will enquire to see if the Borders Forest Trust address can still be used.

**ACTION ALL:** A new Company Secretary will need to be appointed.

### **Information**

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

**Dave / Eoin / James** Membership list being updated. On-going

**Carrier bag charges from 20<sup>th</sup> October is to go to "green" causes.** All retailers will have to charge a minimum of 5p. Wooplaw are providing retailers with collecting boxes. 4 Shops have collecting boxes to date. Treasurer will provide shopkeeper with certificate style receipts when emptied.

**James C** is getting the lids laser printed.

## **ON-GOING BUSINESS**

### **1. TASKS**

- **Coppicing:** It might be possible to sell coppiced hazel for stakes in straw bale houses.
- **ACTION: Eoin, Keith W and Donald** will produce a coppicing plan and start this winter. A phased management plan for the coppicing regime is needed.
- **Bob F.** to ask Donald if he will give a talk followed by a coppicing day as a monthly event.

### **2. EVENTS**

OCT: TVFF

NOVEMBER: Seats, sizzles and stars

DECEMBER: Woodland maintenance/clear up

JANUARY:

FEBRUARY:

MARCH: Willow harvest

APRIL:

MAY: Green wood working

**Stephen and James** will assist with the Sawit and Nailit at the TVFF. Hopefully others will also be available. The 6 children's prizes sections will be boys/girls a)under8, b)8-12 and c)13-15. Bob and James have completed the Nailit trophies.

### 3. FINANCE

- CWA renewal to be paid. **James C.**
- Chris has passed **James C.** the contact details of Fraser Sim to get the books verified.
- Bank account transfer still ongoing. Dave to go into Lauder branch on Friday. **Dave/James**

### 4. GRANTS

- **Bob F.** has submitted the letter for the seedcorn grant and Iain Laidlaw will suggest any edits and it will be re-submitted ASAP.
- The Seedcorn grant for the scythes has been agreed. **Dave Hardwick** will purchase them and the associated kit. The yellow rattle seeds for the meadow are to be included in the claim

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Dave's Chainsaw course is the last week in November and the certification on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. We will see if there are a few suitable trees for this. **ACTION?**
2. The 3<sup>rd</sup> strimming for the paths has been done. **James C** will pay the invoice and submit the form to the Stow CC to reclaim all three.
3. Following the last newsletter the Southern have enquired about Anna collating useful countryside apps.
4. Dave hopes we might get a substantial article in the Southern next year.

**Next Wardens' Meeting:** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7pm at the Cabin

**Next Event:** Nov 30th, Seats, sizzles and stars ... start 10.30am