

**WOOPLAW WARDENS
Minutes of Meeting
26th November 2014
7pm at Wooplaw**



Present: Dave Donnelly – chair, James Collin – Treasurer, Bob Fleet – Sec, Wendy Ball.

MATTERS ARISING

none

ON-GOING BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATION

Organisation

The Wooplaw Community Woodland responsibilities are now all updated:

- **Wooplaw Community Woodland Company:** JC has confirmed that the treasurer can also be Company Secretary.
BFT are happy for the official company address being maintained at:
Monteviot Nurseries
Ancrum
Jedburgh
TD8 6TU
(registered with Companies House)
- **Charitable Trust:** The Trustees and officers will be updated after our AGM
- . Nominated contact - Bob Fleet (registered with OSCR)
- **Wardens Committee Office Bearers:** Dave Donnelly – chair; James Collin – Treasurer;
Bob Fleet – Secretary

Information

- **Dave D.** is updating the current list of Wardens - on-going
- **Dave / Eoin / James** Membership list being updated. On-going

2. WOODLAND TASKS

- **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.
- **Donald McP** to confirm if he can give a talk followed by a coppicing day as one of the programmed monthly events.
- Iron horse out of action. Sherriffs in Stow are fixing.

3. EVENTS

Past Events

- Bushcraft course ran in November with students from Perth College. Course run by Craig Middleton and Stuart Fish.

Programmed Events

NOVEMBER: It was decided to hold no official event this month. Dave D. will be practising felling

DECEMBER: Woodland maintenance/clear up

JANUARY:

FEBRUARY:

MARCH: Willow harvest

APRIL:
MAY: Green wood working

Future events

- Wilderness First Aid
Craig Middleton organising, George Fell to run the course. Cost approx £100. Could be appropriate training for Climb and Walk leaders if there is an accredited outcome
Dave D to help organise and liaise. Possible dates in May and June 2015.

4. FINANCE

- **Wendy B** to ask Fraser Simm if he is still willing to verify the Wooplaw books; then to tell the treasurer who will then contact Fraser.
- Bank account transfer still ongoing. **James C** to chase

5. GRANTS

- Seedcorn Grant from Forestry Commission has been granted. £990 for chainsaw training and part fund of chainsaw.
- Seedcorn Grant from Forestry Commission to purchase scythes and yellow rattle seeds for the creation of a wild flower meadow has been agreed. Dave Hardwick has purchased scythes and the associated kit.
- **James C** to complete grant receipt forms, impact assessment, together with associated paperwork.
- Path strimming grant from Council to be claimed through Stow CC now all three invoices have been paid. **James C/Bob**

5. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Carrier bag charges

- **Wendy B.** to make certificate of thanks for retailers donating carrier bag charges to Wooplaw. Certificate to be sent to James C. for completion of details and then sending out to relevant retailers.
- **James C** is getting the lids laser printed. To swap and empty boxes once done.
- £27.47 received from Crafters Fair for Carrier Bags.

Chainsaw training

- Dave D is completing course last week in November to qualify for nPTC ticket hopefully next week.
- Chainsaw to be purchased and FC clam submitted.

Publicity

- Dave D planning a substantial article in the Southern next year. Bob F recommended Sally Gillespie as a good contact.

Apps

- Anna collating useful countryside apps and article to appear in Southern Reporter

NEW BUSINESS

none

Next Wardens' Meeting: **Wed 21st January**, 7pm in the pub I hope

Next Event: Sunday, December 28th - tidy up