

## MINUTES

### BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007 7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL

**Attending:** Fiona Aungier, Enid Turnbull, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, M Williams.

**Apologies:** John Rae, Elizabeth Bamford.

Item	Subject	Outcome
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Agreed
2	<b>Matters arising not shown below.</b>	JI – Circulated a copy of ‘Strandline’. JR had reported that following discussions with Liam Henry of BBC BWG does not have to sign a license to survey Little Beach. A risk assessment and all relevant documentation had been sent to MCS for approval.
3	<b>Little Beach (Notice board)</b>	Graham Bell had been most helpful re. bird photos. FA circulated these stressing the need to proceed with the work. £50 has been kindly donated by Morrisons. LC explained most of balance funding might be obtained from donation following BWG assistance with bat survey – he will try to get agreement in writing. JI has made enquiries re. funding to RSPB – depending on above he may contact them again.
4	<b>Events</b>	‘In Search of Dippers’ was extremely rewarding with an abundance of varied wildlife and glorious weather. Thanks to Sue Maddox. MH suggested report (version already written by Sue for Advertiser) to go in Newsletter. The Paxton Walk is to be led by Richard Wales, Red Squirrel Conservation Officer for Borders. AGM – Draft agenda discussed and amendments made. Nominations are needed for officers and committee members before (even if just before) the event.
5	<b>Surveys</b>	Butterfly Transect – Three surveys completed. Comma seen in T the M field on 25 <sup>th</sup> March. Many species are appearing early. MH has fixed dates for Cocklawburn butterfly surveys (26 <sup>th</sup> May, 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept). Red Squirrels – Surveys progressing but no reds seen yet. BWG now affiliated to ‘Save Our Squirrels’. MH reported seeing a pair of greys near Ord House; their presence will be notified to SoS by FA. Bumblebees – Dave Goulson to be contacted again re. bee training sessions. Bats – LC reported that Northern Bat Group is willing to hold training sessions for anyone wishing to become a licensed bat handler. Interested parties please contact BWG. There is also a training day at the end of May in Morpeth.

		Tree survey – MH has survey dates (13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 4 <sup>th</sup> July). North side of the river to be surveyed this year. Ross Weddle has kindly loaned 3 girthing tapes and a clinometer. Maps of the area still to be obtained from BBC.
6	<b>Computer</b>	Website hosting is renewed.
7	<b>Any other business.</b>	FA has written to Land Registry re. ownership of the grassed area along Dock Rd. and has received maps. Goody Patchy – Three Woodland Care seminars to be held 21, 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 12 <sup>th</sup> May at Belford; FA to attend first one. Cheque for £15 gratefully received from SS Bartholemew & Boisil Residents Assn. for advice given re. Goody Patchy.
8	<b>Date/venue of next Meeting</b>	Wednesday May 16 <sup>th</sup>