

MINUTES

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 21st April 2010, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.

Attended: Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Molly Hardie, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, Elizabeth Martin Fisher, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams, Gill Young.

Apologies: John Rae.

| Item | Subject | Information and decisions to make |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting (17th March) | Agreed. LC asked if there is minute of Lords Mount meeting with Jenny Lee. FA will email her. |
| 2 | Matters arising not shown below | MH proposed reducing huge list of records for newsletter. MH to highlight bird records on web to incorporate into newsletter, FA will (continue to) prune others from newsletter, although all sent to EYE (ERIC now). Will continue with coverage of wider area as seems appropriate. |
| 3 | AGM and display | AGM – Agenda (incorporated into March Newsletter as everyone must have notice by 4. 5. Finance? Suggest subscriptions rise of £10 and £16 from May to be voted on at AGM. Although we are not currently covering day-to-day expenses, we have bank balance of £1200 so gives some leeway (E.T). Display. JR to do slide show (projector booked). JR also to do display on Mammals and Butterflies. FA on Birds Plants Records. LC will bring in bat detector, bat poster and CD of bat calls. FA will bring in few OPAL lichens. MH will ask EB if she wants to come with own display boards. Publicity. FA showed draft poster. Decided to announce in Berwick Advertiser with GY's article. |
| 4 | Surveys | See attached sheet. Butterflies and Mammals underway. Inter-tidal probably 16 th May. Bats to begin 27 th May. Survey timetable is work in progress, subject to modifications. August 11 at 11.00 or August 18 if bad weather fixed for dragonflies at Cocklawburn. |
| 5 | Additional projects we might take on this summer. | Moths – Keith Regan – survey of moths in dunes. FA has said we are interested but would need expert help. Wider Countryside Butterflies (Holburn and Cheviot squares?). 2 visits in July and August, possible third earlier to sort out route. Agreed to try it. "Growing Wild" scheme – Elaine Jaggs of NWT suggested local sites Pier Road and Beadnell CP. Suitable? Replied saying important thing is to get mowing and soil right, read our verges report. Have also suggested other possible sites and would help with monitoring.. |
| 6 | Past records | Ruddy Darter dragonfly 11/09/2005 queried – M.Hu. has contacted lady enquiring. |
| 7 | OPAL grant for projector | Applied. Deadline 4 th May; informed of outcome 30 th June. |
| 8 | Any other business | LC proposed further visit to Tweedmouth Sidings Yard –application planning permission likely to be renewed. Also visit to Tweedside Villa possible bat roost. Little Beach notice boards deteriorating – JI to talk to Fantasy Prints re. re-sealing edges. |
| 9 | Date/venue of next Mtg. | 19 th May at Castle, then 16 th June (FA remember to book subsequent meetings). |

