

MINUTES

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 15th August 2007
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

Attending: Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, M Williams.

Apologies: Enid Turnbull.

| Item | Subject | Decisions to make | Outcome |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting | It was pointed out that the minutes were dated Tuesday 19 th .July when the meeting had taken place on the following evening. Minutes accepted. | |
| 2 | Matters arising not shown below. | FA has sent a report on butterflies at Cocklawburn to the press and will send report on beach litter also. FA sent comments on the Green Festival to Julian Lake and received a favourable reply. He is to begin organising for 2008 this September. FA wrote to the Rotary Club offering advice on planting on Rotary Way, but the offer was rejected. LC has finalised the date of 12 th .Dec. for the BWG pre-Christmas event. | |
| 3 | 2008 events programme | The Plantation Walk is 5 th .April, not 15 th . Several dates have still to be finalised, but 2008 event list almost complete. | |
| 4 | Recent/forthcoming events | Ford Moss walk was excellent & informative. Saw mining bees and numerous kinds of insect. Arrangements are complete for 'Butterflies on 1 st .Sept. 'Fungus', 8 th .Sept. FA gave EB sample posters. | |
| 5 | Surveys | BATS. Camp Hill surveys are complete, monies to be banked by FA. Sept. bat surveys will go ahead as planned. BEACH SURVEY. FA to lead next on 15 th .Sept. at 10.00am. JR showed results of previous survey. BUTTERFLIES. Continuing despite poor weather. SQUIRRELS. Surveys now ended and results have been sent in. Surveys of cones will begin in autumn. Reminder to report sightings of greys. EB's survey efforts have raised £272.89 for Save Our Squirrels. Identity Stickers have been obtained for the team for Ford squirrel days. BEES. Numbers dropped lately. Still problems re. specific identities. TREES. 2 surveys with Ross Weddell for Research Branch of Forestry Commission Proved very interesting re. diseases and insects. Town tree surveys to be repeated next year. | |

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| | | BIRDS. Dead fulmars should be reported to MH. |
| 6 | Little Beach Interpretive Panels | FA requested final decision on bird illustrations. |
| 7 | Monthly Review | All had received a copy. |
| 8 | Any other business | MH to write to Tom Cadwallender BTO rep. for Northumberland re. tetrad squares. FA has offered data on all types of wildlife to EYE. (Contacted because Nat Hist. Soc of Northumbria have been asked to confirm identity of mining bees). 'Big Wild Read', Berwick Library, 4.00pm. Fri. 28 th .Sept. FA to present reading awards to children. EB to encourage first schools use of BWG website to encourage them to record and conserve wildlife. Decided to continue bat surveys at same level next year. |
| 9 | Date/venue of next Meeting | Wednesday 19 th September, Castle. |