

MINUTES

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 21st February 2007
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

Attending: Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M Williams.
Guest: Anthony Johnston

Apologies:

| Item | Subject | Outcome |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting | Agreed |
| 2 | Matters arising not shown below. | Discussion on appropriateness of doing bird counts at high tide. MH suggested 3hrs before high tide. Agreed. |
| 3 | Little Beach (Notice board) | AONB has offered £846 grant subject to match funding being in place by 31 st .May. Remaining sum of £282 to be raised locally. Discussion on other possible sources of grant aid, and on approaching local businesses. FA would welcome suggestions on the latter. 'Fishnets Project' considered as source of funding, but it was decided to approach this for tree-measuring equipment instead. AJ felt that the draft wording covered both information and a plea to respect wildlife. Discussion on sources for photographs. Graham Bell to be approached. |
| 4 | Estuary | FA has contacted Maggie Roe and received back masses of information. MR sees a sea level rise as most important issue. All agreed that FA's compilation of the response to the Masterplan was excellent. Minor alterations/additions proposed; FA to deal with. Response to be sent to all BBC Councillors and key officers. Response to Core Strategy to be circulated less widely. |
| 5 6 | Newsletters/Record sheets. Surveys and Outings. | BIRDS. Monthly record sheets are proving very popular. BATS. The recent talk considered excellent. SQUIRRELS. EB to attend a training day in Kyles Woods. FARNE ISLANDS. Fifteen places are reserved for the trip in July. Seven bookings so far. TREES. Ross Weddle has provided a set of TPO listings and is willing to give a talk on tree surveying next year. He is to be invited to the next committee meeting. BWG to survey Berwick this year, Tweedmouth in 2008. BEES. Dave Goulson is willing to come from Stirling to give a training session on Bees. FA to fix date. BUTTERFLIES. Katie Cruikshank suggests future surveys in form of one kilometre |

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| 7 | Any other business. | AJ gave a brief survey of his work with schools; subjects covered were hedgehogs, nestboxes, habitats, bulb planting, etc. Also leading Health Walks in Berwick. Thanks to AJ for his valued contribution to the meeting. |
| 8 | Date/venue of next Meeting | Wednesday March 21 st |