

## MINUTES

### BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, 7.00 pm, 23 Castle Terrace.

**Attending:** Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Molly Hardie, Malcolm Hutcheson.

**Apologies:** John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams.

Item	Subject	Outcome
1	<b>Minutes of last meeting (Jan)</b>	Agreed.
2	<b>Matters arising not shown below</b>	
3	<b>Recent events</b>	<p><u>Berwick is Brilliant</u> . Went well, but miss 2010 – every two years perhaps? Ask Phil McLean to come Jan. 2010 rather than Dec. 09 (FA). <u>Wader count</u> – cancelled (weather). LC/JI fielded some would-be participants. Postponed until 21<sup>st</sup>. <u>Ian Kille's talk</u>. Absolutely excellent and large audience. Request another. M. Hardie to write thank-you letter. Article in Advertiser Feb 19<sup>th</sup> p 8. N.B. is time BWG got own digital projector – FA to investigate cost/grant aid.</p>
4	<b>Next Events</b>	Gill Young's talk 11th Mar. Lichen/moss walk 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar. FA to print off posters. Also to query entries into Border Events website – ours seem not to have been approved and added.
5	<b>Summer programme.</b>	<p>Butterflies, starts Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April, FA to sort out timetable. Bats, LC still waiting for decision re. Natural England and Borough Council re. possible lighting on railway bridge and associated bat survey. Bees, maybe Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June followed by Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June? 10.00am? Whin Sill Grassland, FA to contact Steve Lowe re. requirements. Town Trees, M. Hutcheson to finalise dates (June/July) next meeting. Insects, FA to see if suitable project this year.</p>
6	<b>Lily Pond Area (Castle Vale).</b>	Bird/bat boxes: approval from CARA and Council ; to be put up Fri 20th.
7	<b>Data.</b>	JR's progress with this approved, map on Google Earth admired. Thank you John. M. Hutcheson to provide wildlife records for Feb as an Excel table.
8	<b>Displays/talks</b>	<p>Probus Club (talk) 18<sup>th</sup> March. Bot. Soc. Brit. Isles (Display) 9<sup>th</sup> May. All members of BWG have been invited to BSBI spring Conference – 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> May. Send copies of programme to all with next Review.</p>
9	<b>Reports</b>	Bats: LC has distributed hard copies. Butterflies T the M: landowner, NWT. Butterflies Cocklawburn: John Whiteford, Nat. England. Wagtails: Philomena,

		CARA, NWT. Copies of all our reports (on CD) to go to Eng. Nature, AONB, Town Council, ecologist for Unitary Authority.
10	<b>Shoreline Management Plan</b>	Comments now submitted.
11	<b>AONB and EMS joint Management Scheme Consultation</b>	On whole seems sensible and realistic document – say so, but think they need to emphasise importance of Coast N of Berwick to Scottish Border (including Little Beach) which not in AONB at present.
12	<b>B&amp;NNC EMS mtg Eyemouth 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Invite from Aisling Lannin. JR, FA to go. Others welcome. We are to mention problems at Little Beach (bait digging, disturbance of birds, lack of some designations) in "soap box" section. Programme attached.
13	<b>Trees at Tesco site.</b>	Letter listing suitable trees delivered to Peter Rutherford to go "on file".
14	<b>N. Gas Networks.</b>	Grant hand-over ceremony with NGN, 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 1.00pm Castle Vale. Could Committee members please attend if possible for photoshoot – should not take long.
15	<b>Cash to "tackle" neglected areas in town</b>	Sue Finch contacted re. request that schemes consider wildlife. Sent list of "good" local sites as prepared for BBC.
16	<b>Any other business</b>	Save our Squirrels. Several surveys undertaken and planned. Displays (including BWG newsletters) planned for BOG Kelso, Cheviot Centre Wooler, Alnwick Library. Detchant Wood event for BWG (April 19 <sup>th</sup> ) now organised. New contact no. for squirrel sightings etc. 07536 076131
17	<b>Date/venue of next Cttee Meeting</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March, then 15 <sup>th</sup> April (Castle).