

MINUTES

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

Attending: Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford, Leslie Cook, John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M Williams.

Guest: Ross Weddle (unable to attend).

Apologies:

| Item | Subject | Decisions | Outcome |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting | Agreed | |
| 2 | Matters arising not shown below. | LC had noted that cattle were destroying the information panel in T of M Field. | |
| 3 | Tree Survey | Discussion deferred pending arrival of R Weddle | |
| 4 | Little Beach (Notice board) | G Bell had supplied bird images, but some may not be sharp enough to reproduce. FA to contact him to obtain more. There is no charge. JR read a relevant quote from a RSPB publication and suggested they be approached for a grant. JI to follow this up. LC is to try the community Council. There were several suggestions re. local sources for funding. | |
| 5 | Estuary | Copies having been sent to various individuals and organisations, it was reported that letters of appreciation had been received from RSPB and Diana Beith. An invitation had been received from Karen Renton of Berwick Regeneration Partnership to an event on 'Berwick's Future' on 22 nd .March. FA to attend. | |
| 6 | Surveys and outings | Dippers. EB reported that everything was organised. The event is to be free to members. Butterflies. EB reported that subscription to 'Butterfly Conservation' was due. T the M Field: EB will arrange a date to talk to all volunteers (13 so far) prior to this season's survey. An information sheet had been produced by Butterfly Conservation enabling members to survey species in their own gardens. Survey dates at Cocklawburn – 26.May, 21.July, 1.Sept. Red Squirrels. Surveys to be in Spring and Autumn. EB reported that BWG had Been offered membership of Red Squirrel Conservation Society for £15. They are sending an information pack on surveying. Beach Litter. JR contacted BBC re. adopting Little Beach. BBC are concerned about | |

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| | | <p>Public Liability, and are still considering.</p> <p>Bumblebees. EB reported that seven people had volunteered to survey.</p> <p>Bats. LC reported that volunteers (5 signed up so far – more expected) would survey between May and Sept. on Thursdays. A leaflet drop asking for sightings is planned for Ravensdowne.</p> <p>Trees. Surveys planned for 7pm on 13, 20, 27 June, 4 July.</p> |
| 7 | Computer | Website hosting – To be renewed at £49.95 + VAT |
| 8 | Any other business. | <p>R Weddle having been delayed, there followed discussion on ‘Trees’.</p> <p>ET had heard from ‘Fishnet’ re. funding. It is aimed at encouraging activities for the elderly. This to be pursued. Up to £500 can be claimed. R Weddle to be asked to supply a list of equipment needed – (he has now done so, and lent us his own to start with).</p> <p>Device for measuring tree girth - £14.05.</p> <p>Clinometer - £80. Other suggestions were discussed.</p> <p>FA suggested an article in the press encouraging the public to join in.</p> <p>Group Membership fees are to remain the same for the coming year.</p> |
| 9 | Date/venue of next Meeting | Wednesday April 18 th . Castle Hotel. |