

MINUTES

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 17th March 2010, 7.00 pm, Castle Hotel.

Expected: Fiona Aungier, John Inglis, Elizabeth Martin Fisher, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams.

Apologies: Malcolm Hutcheson, John Rae, Leslie Cook, Molly Hardy.

Item	Subject	Information and decisions to make
1	Minutes of last meeting (17th Feb)	Agreed
2	Matters arising not shown below	
3	Minutes Secretary	E MF now has Office in her computer, is ready to take over minutes. Also to be a cheque signatory replacing MW
4	Recent and forthcoming events	Recent: Thur 4 th March FA talked to Duns SWT on BWG. Sun 7 th March – Ian Kille's Geology Day, at, Palace Green Pavilion was very successful. Ian will do four more geological walks this summer for AONB Wed 10 th March: Graham Bell, "Siberian Dream". Excellent talk. To come: Wed 12 th May AGM Displays afterwards. JR has offered to do display for butterflies and small mammals. FA: OPAL lichen display and posters of past talks. Also bats, estuary birds maps.
7	Finance	ET produced interim accounts for 10 months to date Grants are keeping us afloat, but present subs. not keeping up with day-to-day expenses. Decided to expand Newsletter in hope of getting more members. More articles, including few paragraphs by specialists. Article to go in next Newsletter will emphasise finances, work done, the good we do with records (FA: we submitted 3750 records last year) and need to raise subscriptions. Increase to £10 and £16 to be proposed at AGM. Members to get Newsletter immediately, others 3 months later as archive on internet.
8	Grant from OPAL for projector etc.	We need own digital projector and lighter screen plus stand. JR has done comparisons. FA to check whether projector can take memory cards direct.
5	Town Walls	Meeting took place between LC, FA & English Heritage and Mr and Mrs Vassie re. management of Lord's Mount area. Suggest kestrel boxes for abundant bank voles.
6	Surveys	Some more potential surveyors have signed up. FA has written to Mel Nicholls of AONB saying would wholeheartedly support their application to Lottery Fund for grant to take on graduate trainee to learn field skills, who would work also with BWG.
13	Any other business	Circulated cutting from Mammal News Spring 2010 about first season of National Small Mammal Monitoring Scheme
14	Date/venue of next Cttee Meetings	21 st April at Castle, then 19 th May. AGM 12 th May (Berwick United Reformed Church).