

AGENDA

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 16th May 2007
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

Attending: Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford, Leslie Cook, Enid Turnbull.

Apologies: Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, M Williams

Item	Subject	Outcome
1	Minutes of last meeting	Change minutes to say that red squirrel survey has not yet started (awaiting Mark Wilkinson's arrangements).
2	Matters arising not shown below.	
3	AGM	FA to write up, saying who elected etc. plus appreciation of Ron's talk. Ron's talk excellent – FA to write and thank him. EB has written up Paxton visit, and will write to thank Andrew ? and Richard Wales.
4	Little Beach (Notice board)	FA to sort relative size of bird images as discussed earlier. And contact Tom Cadwallender to see if need promise of balance of funding in writing. Also need AONB to approve the images and text.
5	Events	Poster for Malcolm's butterfly walk to be distributed by EB Friday (FA to print) with Needles Eye one.
6	Surveys	<p>Beach litter survey. JR and EB having many problems with arrangements, but finally organised first survey 22nd May 10.00.</p> <p>Town Trees , dates arranged by MH. FA to liaise with Guy Rowland and JR re. possibility of maps from Council on BWG computer – a.s.a.p. as first tree survey June 13th. No BWG measuring equipment yet ordered – use Ross Weddle's and FA's at first, see if need more (and what works best) before buy own. There is a clash with tree survey and next Committee Meeting (June 20th) – change meeting to 19th.</p> <p>Bats. Extensive programme by LC. Absolutely imperative that as many people as possible (at least 8) turn out to emergence surveys at Camphill. (On this depends money for Little Beach notice board). First one 31st May at 21.15 (NT 981 545). Come if you can!</p> <p>Bees – identification charts and survey forms can be printed from internet – FA to do so and distribute a.s.a.p.</p>

		Unfortunately FA has got order of some of events/surveys on Survey and Events list muddled – send everyone e-mail to explain. (Sorry!).
7	Estuary/marina	Marina. FA has received letter from BBC explaining that the next stage of Marina work (feasibility studies) will include environmental assessment. FA to write to Council and explain that they have got the environmental designations for the estuary (outlined on the consultancy brief) wrong! Jet-skis. Do Shaw is currently having a campaign against "personal watercraft" in the Estuary. Group have been quoted (with FA's agreement) re. problems with swans (deliberate disturbance) and other waterbirds (e.g. on survey in February 2007). We heartily support this campaign. It is suggested that all members seeing watercraft on estuary (all types) note date, time, type, number, etc, with photos if poss., as evidence).
8	Advertising ourselves	Volunteer Centre North Northumberland – ET suggests may not be appropriate for our sort of volunteering (which is why forms to fill in do not "fit"). FA to query. Berwick is Brilliant for Wildlife , suggested by Elaine Jaggs. No response from Advertiser. FA to chase up.
9	Any other business.	
10	Date/venue of next Meeting	TUESDAY 19th June (see Trees in 6 above).