

Minutes

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 15th November 2006
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

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

Apologies: Malcolm Hutcheson, Enid Turnbull,

Item	Subject	Outcome
1	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed.
2	Matters arising not shown below.	None.
3	Little Beach (Notice board)	Beach probably owned by BBC or, according to J.I, leased from Duke of Northumberland. L.C- cost of info. panels could be up to £850. Chris Budzynski Of BBC to contact Tom Cadwallander of AONB to discuss the panels, and will liaise with F.A. J.I to give M.W map of proposed location of the panels.
4	Estuary	Bird count for BTO – now on 9 th Dec. or 10 th if inclement weather. Meet at Lowrie Shelter 10.00am. J.I – best to have 3 groups as follows – Berwick to Needles Eye; N.Eye to Border; M.H to do Cocklawburn. Further survey proposed for January.
5	Events 06-07- Talks n walks	F.A to get illustrations for poster for event on 29 th . Fungus Foray is now set for Sept. 8 th 2007. To assist funds for the work of the group a charge of £3 is to be made for non-members, and of £2 for members at events led by outside speakers. F.A to explain this fully in the next newsletter. F.A to notify members by e-mail of imminent events. J.R – Geof Sample was suggested as a possible speaker on wildlife sound recording.
6	Surveys - Butterflies. - Future Surveys	'Butterfly Conservation' is being critical re. the way data is submitted. We will continue to do our best. F.A to arrange a bumblebee workshop in March prior to beginning a survey. L.C – future bat surveys will be a good way of monitoring fluctuations in bat behaviour/numbers. Natural England to be approached for

	- Golf Course Birds	<p>support on protecting bat feeding areas. L.C – Craig White claims BBC money for the bird survey was paid to BWG, not C.K., and he is willing to give support if future disputes arise. Still no positive news from the insurers, but group insurance carries a £250 excess. No further action at present. General feeling was to let sleeping dogs lie.</p>
7	Computer	Norton Antivirus to be renewed.
8	Any other business.	<p>Squirrels. Lively response from the public to E.B's article in the press. 11 reported sitings so far, most of them greys, but 2 or 3 reds. F.A is passing data on to relevant organisations. Thanks to E.B for enthusiastic work. Red sitings at Kyloe Wood are rare, but there is other evidence. Difficulties experienced when recording were tree identification and deciding which creature had actually taken the bait.</p>
9	Date/venue of next Meeting	Wednesday 13th. Dec. 7.00pm Castle Hotel.