

MINUTES

**BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 18th October 2006
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL**

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

Apologies:

Item	Subject		
1	Minutes of last meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising not shown below.	None	
3	Little Beach (Notice board)	No response from BBC. FA to look into 'Breathing Spaces' for possible funding and production of interpretive panel. Possibly schools could be involved in producing illustrations.	
4	Estuary	MH had been contacted by Julia Roper, Regional Organiser for Wetland Birds Study. Little can be done until developers show plans for estuary.	
5	Events 06-07 - Whinney Hill - Talks n walks	Discussed. Results to be shown on Events list. LC to confirm date of 14 th Feb. talk with Steve Betts. EB to look further into trip to Inner Farne with a view to organising it for 14 th . July 07, Also possibly Ford Moss for August.	
6	Surveys - Butterflies. - Future Surveys - Golf Course Birds	<p>Butterflies - Transect Walker to come out this month; if it doesn't, data to be sent as it is.</p> <p>Future surveys of Cocklawburn Beach and Tommy the Miller's Field could be organised subject to enough interest being shown; notice to be posted on the website. Sam Ellis to be asked about the ownership of Cocklawburn.</p> <p>Bees - University of Stirling School of Biological Sciences can send someone to do a bee identification day, and would like BWG to survey bumblebees.</p> <p>Bats – English Heritage to contact LC re. dates for surveys.</p> <p>Flora – 2007. Verges could be monitored; Cocklawburn a possible site for next survey.</p> <p>Birds – FA to contact insurers again, also NWT who might offer advice.</p>	

7	Any other business.	<p>EB to put an article about squirrels in the press and ask for sightings.</p> <p>FA had received a report from CARA on Tappee Fen, and had responded with suitable comments.</p> <p>Little Beach and its significance to birdlife will be written by MH and posted on the website.</p> <p>At a public meeting held by AONB, attendees expressed overwhelming support in favour of extending AONB boundaries northward to the Scottish Border to include both the Tweed estuary and the urban areas.</p> <p>FA showed the committee a draft of the forthcoming Newsletter.</p>
8	Date/venue of next Committee Meeting	7.00pm at Castle Hotel, Wednesday 15 th November.