

AGENDA

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP
COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 20th September 2006
7.00 pm, CASTLE HOTEL

Attending: Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Inglis, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M Williams.(acting Chair)

Apologies: Fiona Aungier, Elizabeth Bamford

| Item | Subject | Decisions to make | Outcome |
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| 1 | Minutes of last meeting | Agreed? | Agreed |
| 2 | Matters arising not shown below. | Discuss briefly. | Needles Eye: wide discussion – group approach Mr Dudgeon to suggest we would like to monitor and share information with him. MH& JI. MH will set up checklist of what has been seen. Spa Well: thanks to LC for organising: bat survey report now available – will be put onto web site. |
| 3 | Little Beach (Notice board) | Excellent start. Discuss ideas from AONB. Approach them initially for help/funds? Or who? | Wide discussion re content. Group decided to approach BBC for permission to place notice board and check for any restrictions before further decisions are taken re content/funding/obtaining estimates. MH will ask local recorders BTO for figures past 3 years. |
| 4 | Estuary AONB Trust | Both contacted via recent forms. Letters to them and/or others? | Committee supported FA's recent response to requests for information/comment. Committee supports Fiona's writing |

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| | | | further letters re groups views on estuary developments. |
| 5 | Events 06-07 Butterfly Conservation Whinney Hill Talks n walks Surveys | Thanks from them Plans - finalise Update on bookings. AGM? Rooms booked? Birds, Bees, Butterflies? Golf Course veg? Other ideas? | Noted. MH will contact regional recorder mentioning our reports. Transport arranged. LC has booked rooms for indoor talks. Draft programme discussed and agreed in principle – see below. |
| 6 | Surveys Verges Buttterflies Golf Course Birds Bats | Sent to 6 organisations – no feedback yet! Absolutely splendid effort 22 of 26 weeks complete. Final week's arrangements? What next? | EB arranging final date – weather dependent w/c 23 Sept Committee discussion: awaiting further information LC hoping to arrange surveys of winter roosts. Approaching English Heritage fro permission to survey within their sites. |
| 7 | Date/venue of next Meeting | Wednesday18th October, 7.00, Castle | |

Rolling programme events discussion:

General opinion – excellent programme.

Comments:

Sept : ISQ

Oct: Change “Bird Count” to ‘Bird Watch’

Nov: Dec: ISQ

Jan : Anne Middleditch – agreed

Feb: ISQ

March: Agreed – EB Arranging

April: Agreed JR will check grid reference before post on web

May: 5th agreed

AGM: re speaker – MH will contact Ron McBeth re talk on wild life in his area (Lamberton) 30-40 minute talk

June: Agreed. MH/JI will assist

July: Border Festival agreed

Farne Island visit agreed – recognise possibility of cancellation.

Aug: Agreed

Sept: Yes to Fungus Foray – preferred nearer ?? Cocklawburn.

Oct: ‘Bird count’ to be ‘Bird watch’

Nov: Agreed. Room not yet booked as unsure if photographer booked. EB arranging photographer – to confirm?

Dates from other organisations will be added – Kevin Rideout is hoping to encourage volunteers to go to St Abbs to help with Vol. Work.

Surveys next year

Butterfly: possible to do Cocklawburn – less visits + easier terrain – may be easier to organise and sustain. Felt it is important to add to our data re that area.

Bats: other areas to be considered for next year. LC

Verges: yes

Dragon Flies: JR has recorder names – will give to MH – discuss next meeting. MH will keep records but not do survey.