

MINUTES

BERWICK WILDLIFE GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 21st September, 7.00 pm Castle Hotel.

Expected : Fiona Aungier, Leslie Cook, Malcolm Hutcheson, John Rae, Enid Turnbull, M. Williams, Gill Young

Apologies: Molly Hardie, Anne Thomson

Item	Subject	Information and decisions to make
1	Minutes of last meeting (17 th August)	Agreed?
2	Matters arising not shown below	Anne Thomson has resigned from the Committee. We would like to thank her very much for her contribution to the Group's work over the last few months, not least finding us a very special pond to survey.
3	Data storage and retrieval	Mapmate might be the answer to our need to store and interrogate data for a particular grid square or species. Cost £32 and £13.60 p.a. for updates. Would need to standardise locations and use Latin names. Need to experiment with it and John and Fiona will ask advice before making decision to buy.
4	On-the ground problems	<p>Wind turbine at New Bewick. One of many proposals coming up for industrial size of turbines in the old Berwick District. Fiona suggested we investigate research already done on the effect of wind turbines on wildlife, especially birds and bats, so we can be informative in objecting to planned turbines in our area. Report at next meeting.</p> <p>Powered watercraft on River. Town Hall meeting 6pm Sept. 26th organised by Do Shaw.</p> <p>New Road. Reply to Fiona's letter from Terry Garnick. Need to take this further.</p> <p>East Ord. Parish Council taken over land by Etal Road. V.g. wildlife corner. Council will provide seat for viewpoint. BWG to meet council to discuss management for wildlife. Fiona to pot on 12 trees to plant later. Fiona to e mail Malcolm to see which trees most suitable. The remaining trees will be offered to Karen Burn's community orchard (E mail John to say which trees available).</p>
5	Indoor Meetings	October 12 th – Ian Kille. Enid to organise coffee. November – Sandra Gann on National Parks.

6	Outdoor Meetings	Moths – heard nothing – weather/shooting? John O'Reilly moss meeting at Tillmouth in November and Cheviots in May 2012.
7	Surveys	Bats – good meeting Garden City both Common and Soprano pips – need to check. Butterfly transects – 1 more week, still a few. Refused to do Cheviot square again Small mammals - NSMMS October. Week beginning Oct. 3rd
8	Funding	Love Northumberland £250. Bat recorder? Mapmate? No decision made yet. Nature Improvement Areas – considered too late for this round. Meeting with Co. ecologist/Nat.Eng. /Marine Site /NWT on 19 th Oct. to identify which areas in N. Northumberland are good for wildlife and would benefit from improved management. Suggestions include – Conundrum, Estuary and surroundings, Spittal cliffs, Goswick, burns to S (Lickar Dean, Haydon Dean, etc).
9	Any other business	Wildlife camera on loan for a month. Any suggestions to John
10	Next Committee Meetings	19 th October, then 16 th November.