

## **Meeting of Stara Community Woodland Ltd held at Darite House, Crow's Nest 30 May 2018**

### **Present:**

Simon Humphreys, Cathy Brunsdon, Anne Hughes, Laurence Smith, Jen Bousfield, Fran and Dai Jones,

**Apologies:** Pete Bousfield, Mike Todd

### **1 Minutes**

1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record

### **2 Matters Arising**

2.1 **'Dogs on leads notice' for the bridge:** Simon to draft and send round words.

2.2 **Bridge Closure:** Agreed that the bridge would be closed when contractors are working in Colquite or Treovis woods.

2.3 **Events:** Anne to liaise with Gerry Hillman regarding the date for a Con Brio autumn concert.

### **3 Data Protection**

3.1 Fran reported that she had sent out 42 e mails regarding the recent data protection legislation and received a 75% response. Also 11 letters and 4 replies.

3.2 A letter was received from a couple in St Austell stating that they had not received any requests for subscriptions or received any newsletters about activities in the woods for some time. **Fran** agreed to send a response. Agreed we would send out the information in the monthly 'Link' articles as newsletters to Friends. **Anne** to send **Fran** information for distribution via e mail and post.

3.3 Jen said that in addition to the data protection form we need to have a 'privacy statement'. The Friends of Stara membership form requires amending to include contact preferences and privacy statement.

3.4 Contact preferences and privacy statement also need to be included on the website. It was agreed to include it in the next available Link article.

### **4. Finance**

4.1 Simon reported that he is not yet a signatory for Stara cheques etc. but is pursuing this with the Co-op bank.

- 4.2 It was suggested that we set up a page for Stara on the 'Just Giving' website to enable members and non-members to donate. A note could be included on the dog notice requesting donations to help maintain the footpaths in Stara. **Laurence** to investigate Just Giving website.
- 4.3 Laurence reported that, as he is no longer a Director, he is unable to request bank statements and therefore could not give up-to-date figures for money held in the bank. **Anne** to check if she has bank telephone number for requesting statements.

## **5 Working Parties**

- 5.1 Simon reported that we have not planted sufficient trees behind the shelter to satisfy the Forest Commission so we may have to return the grant money or plant more trees if we are subject to inspection. Simon estimates that we have planted approximately 500 and 1300 are required.
- 5.2 Agreed to consider planting other species of trees particularly those favoured by dormice. **Simon** to consult with Jen.
- 5.3 Agreed that we need to spray the bracken with 'Asulox' and that for the first year we should investigate employing a contractor to carry out the work. After the first year we should be able to control the regrowth ourselves. **Simon** to obtain quotes.
- 5.4 It was also suggested that we should reinstate the hedge at the top of Broadwood by removing the trees and filling gaps with hedgerow species. Agreed this could be a winter working party project.
- 5.5 Shed – Pete is due to install the door to the shed and install a concrete base.
- 5.6 Working Party Saturday 2 June: clear ash along river, footpath clearing near Colquite, cutting the rush between the barn and the caravan, cutting gorse on top path.

## **6 Events**

- 6.1 Members of Kilminorth Woods visited Stara in March and have invited the Friends of Stara to visit Kilminorth. **Simon** to agree a date with Kilminorth representative.
- 6.2 Fungus foray Sunday 11 November 10-4, run by Cornwall Fungus Recording Group. Jen told us this would be a fairly academic foray so we agreed we could offer to provide refreshments and view their findings.

## **7 Date of Next Meeting**

- 7.1 Thursday October 4, 7.30 pm at Vine Cottage.