**FOREST FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Lawshall’s Environmental Project**

 

STEERING GROUP MEETING NO. 93 6th November 2012

Held at the Lawshall Free Church, The Street, Lawshall.

**1. Apologies:** Tish Adams, Jonathan Kemp, Hana Jones, Wendy Harris and Ashley Seabourne.

**2. Report Ashley Seabourne:**

Ashley did not attend the meeting because at present, due to the uncertainty about Ash Dieback, GLT are scaling back activities in our woods.

**3. Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed unanimously.

**4. Matters Arising:**

i) Developments with FOC website/change of name –

Chris has seen some of the clips from the video taken at the September work party, and these are being incorporated into the website. He hopes to be able to give a presentation to SG members at January meeting and then we will aim for a full display of our new website at the February AGM.

ii) Tarp –

Jonathan has the Tarp, and has covered the cost of £35 as a donation. He will advise about erection etc. and this will be a resource we can use when required for events within the woods.

iii) Developments re 2013 Calendar –

Wendy H was not at the meeting, but Ian advised us the Calendar proofs are with Trevor Elmer for preparation and a copy will be sent to Wendy/Gill/Hollie for finally agreement soon. We will order the same number as last year, keeping the sale price at £5. Hopefully there will be copies available for the Grand Coppicing Day.

**5. Reports:**

i) Financial update –

No change in our Bank balance. The sale of logs for last year totalled £305 (to Dec 2011) less costs of £180 giving a net profit of £185. Some sales of logs have been made for this year, but we have no sales figures at present.

ii) Youth Group –

Hollie is working on a specific symbol for the Youth Group which will go on to our new website.

There are no specific Youth Group actions planned over winter, we will contact Mark/Christina about the two activities they have agreed to arrange in the summer after the AGM.

iii) School Link –

Although we have no formally named link member at present the school have contacted Jenna about some saplings they have ready to plant for hedging purposes. After consultation with Adrian it was agreed that Jenna would speak to Mark Jay (see Silviculture Group notes).

**6. Matters discussed with Silvicuture Group:**

i) Pollution in large pond – no news at present as Wendy H not present.

ii) Planting of Apple Trees – Grenville has arranged purchase of these and hopes to plant them at mid-week work party on 6th December.

iii) Cordwood cutting – Adrian thanked everyone who cut/moved logs up to the Foundry. Luckily this took place before Ash Dieback was confirmed in Golden Wood, so we have logs for sale this year.

iv) Maze extension – Silvicuture group feel this is not necessary and we will not pursue this at present.

v) Ash Dieback disease – we are taking the bio precautions recommended by the Forestry Commission and are ok to continue working in the woods, other than coppicing/planting Ash. With regard to the future management of our Ash trees we need to wait for further information before taking drastic action.

vi) Project updates – We will complete the work in Crooked wood at the January work party. At the Grand Coppicing in Golden Wood we will only work in non-Ash areas on Hazel coppicing and any non-Ash marked trees.

vii) School saplings – Grenville said there are some gaps in the hedge in the new area behind the Foundry and Jenna will tell Mark they can infill there.

**7. AOB:**

i) Dates of next meetings – we will have our next meeting on Monday 14th January 2013 at the Foundry (Ian to check this will be ok). The AGM is booked for the 26th February 2013.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 14th January ( Silviculture Group need not attend) 7.15 for 7.30 at the Foundry, Bury Rd.**