



# The Friends of King's Wood

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 7pm 9 February 2009

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### Present

Diana Sawyer (DS)  
Jon Shelton (JS)  
Mick Sherwood (MS)  
Gaynor O'Connell (GO)  
Dan Jennings (DJ)  
Simon Cavell (SC)  
Helen Cavell (HC)  
Sophie Walkden (SW)  
Nick Hope (NH)

### Apologies

Lucy Medhurst (LM)  
Peter Walkden (PW)

### Minutes

a) **Accuracy**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 January 2009 were accepted.

b) **Matters arising**

DJ: DS was given a copy of the FC Risk Assessment form.

DS: Carpenter has not got back to us regarding quote for notice board.

SW: No further action is possible on the potential source of Dormouse boxes.

JS: Bird box event should a Wednesday which is the normal KS volunteer day

HC: Weekday Wanders will be ad-hoc rather than pre-defined dates

### Agenda

a) **Chairman's Report**

*(reported during Forthcoming items)*

b) **Treasurer's report (SW)**

The current account balance is £1364



# The Friends of King's Wood

Forthcoming expenses:

May	Public liability insurance	£200 (approx)
TBC (JS)	Pond	£900
March	2009 Walk & Events leaflet: March	£170 (approx)
March	Membership renewal	£TBC (SC)

These expenses will use current account

## c) Membership report (SC)

There are 140 active memberships.

The majority of membership renewals are due in April.

## d) Stour Valley Arts (LM)

*SVA were unable to attend the meeting.*

## e) Kentish Stour Countryside Project Update (JS)

Copies of the KSCP newsletter were distributed to the committee

## f) Forestry Commission Update (DJ)

Copies of the FC report were distributed

## g) Forthcoming items

### Meeting between FoKW, KSCP, SVA and FC (DS)

A meeting was held to discuss a proposal put together by DS for marking the woods with map boards and way markers. The idea came about after reports of people getting lost in King's Wood. The parties involved expressed concerns about placing map boards in the woods. FoKW will look for alternative types of way markers that will be acceptable to all concerned.

MS suggested the use of numbered posts as used at Fairlight near Hastings.

### Grant Application



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The committee discussed options and ideas for a grant application along the lines of mapping the woods and the production of walk leaflets.

NH from Saxons Orienteering Club advised that a 1:10000 map of Ashdown forest cost £3750.

It was agreed that FoKW will pursue a grant for the mapping of King's Wood and the production of walk maps. The application would also seek to cover the costs of producing the activity programme.

KSCP will be commissioned to produce walk maps suitable for FoKW needs.

Potential sources for such a grant include *Walks for All* and *Your Heritage*.

## Quiz night

The Iron Room is available from 6pm for setup and the quiz will start at 7:30pm,

Matt Care will be Quiz Master for the evening. The suggested format is 10 rounds totalling 40 – 50 questions. An interval will be held at the half-way point for a raffle mid and a game of "Heads and Tails".

DS has books of raffle tickets, music and silhouettes.

Teams can bring their own food and drink (alcohol is permitted) and are asked to provide a prize for the raffle.

Lemons will be given to the losing team as a "booby prize".

The quiz night will be publicised on Boughton Aluph notice boards, The Challock Forester, The Iron Room notice board and in Sainsburys.

## Events programme

Changes and additions

Date	Time	Description	Lead
22 April	6:00pm	Bluebell Walk	MS
30 May	8:15pm	Bat Walk	Julia Baker

Children attending the Mini Beast event will need to be accompanied by an adult.



# The Friends of King's Wood

The Verdent Farm visit is limited to 10 people and strictly members only.

The leaflet design will be finalised during the month and submitted to the printers.

## **AOB**

- JS to provide a copy of the KSCP Risk Assessment form
- DS to review KSCP risk assessment form with JS on Wed 11 Feb
- DJ to check whether the FC report can be published on the website
- DJ to find out what "VME" stands for
- MS gave DS a copy of The Orchid (covering the Downs area) featuring SVA.  
The events section could be used to publicise FoKW events.

## **Next meeting**

Monday 9 March 2009, 7pm.