



# The Friends of King's Wood

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Present

Diana Sawyer (Chairman), Heather Standen (Treasurer), Wendy Jolly, Wendy Hogg, Jon Shelton (KSCP)

### Apologies

Kate Harris

### Minutes – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed there being no matters arising.

### Chairman's Report – DS

Endangered Dormice – 16 attended

Deer Rut – 19 attended

Fascinating Fungi – 18 attended

Deer Dawdle – 6 attended

Kent Search & Rescue Dogs & AGM – 19 attended DS thanked everyone for setting up and helping

### Progress on Walks & Events 2015 leaflet

DS gave an update that the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta would be on the 15<sup>th</sup> June and she had contacted the Faversham Society about taking part in a celebratory walk in King's Wood. DS had contacted Wild Wood to ask if they might give a power point presentation at the AGM. DS advised that Ashford Printers had extended their discount offer to the 11<sup>th</sup> February and to benefit from the £50 reduction in printing costs she may need to put tbc against some items on the Walks & Events 2015 leaflet.

DS had returned a signed copy of the application for Permission to Undertake a Wildlife/Ecological Study of the ponds in KW to the Forestry Commission.

### Web Site 2014 Update

Simon Cavell had kindly updated the 2014 minutes etc

### Community Woodland Groups Case Studies

Following research by Dr Bianca Ambrose-Oji in to the formation, constitution, finances and running of the Friends, in the summer of 2013, DS had received a first draft from Tom Cooper. DS gave her views on some aspects of the draft that the committee supported and updates had been sent back to Dr Bianca for consideration.



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## **Treasurer's Report - HS**

The bank balance was £1858. We discussed offering electronic banking for membership renewals and it was agreed this would be on request with HS passing names on to Martin Hook and DS when payment showed on the monthly bank statement.

It was also suggested offering payment on the first walk that Friends came to, in the renewals e-mail.

## **FC update**

DS said e-mails had been shared between Drea Elliott, herself, and KH, about discarded tents and the trashed contents in the Chilham side of the forest. KH had offered to collect this rubbish.

KH and staff usually littered picked the main/lower car parks on Thursdays.

## **KSCP – JS**

DS had given the SITA application file for the pond restorations to JS who had arranged for a volunteer to look into making applications to other organizations. DS had received an updated draft for consideration.

## **SVA**

DS had received an email that SVA had not received funding from the Arts Council and would cease from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

## **Walks and Events 2015 Who is doing what?**

KW Country Quiz – DS, HS, WJ

Up & Down the Downs – DS, WH, WJ

## **AOB**

DS enquired if converting to a charity would have advantages but none could be perceived and it was suggested that a turnover of £5k might also be a Charity Commission requirement.

## **Date of next meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2015