



# The Friends of King's Wood

## Committee Meeting Minutes - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Present

Diana Sawyer (Chairman), Wendy Jolly, Kate Harris FC, Jon Shelton KSCP  
Also present - Monica Hope

**Apologies** - Heather Standen, Wendy Hogg,

### Minutes – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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

### Chairman's Report – DS

- Majestic Trees – 14 attended
- Dinky Dormice – 20 attended
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wye Cubs – 26 attended
- Perry Court Apple Fair – 86 free prizes given away
- Deer at Dawn – 16 attended
- Funky Fungi – 31 attended
- Wild Wood Trust & AGM – 9 attended
- Winter Warmer Walks – 9, 10, 5 attended

Sainsbury's mobile phone service would cease on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016, so DS had bought basic phone with a £10 a pay as you go top up from Tesco's. Texting on the old phone had been faulty and DS had kept the Friend's mobile number so that leaflets etc would not need altering.

Elaine Newman had agreed to look at our archive materials and photograph them so they could be uploaded onto the Friends' website and stored on a memory stick, after which we may well take up KH's offer to store them at Bedgebury.

KH confirmed that Sarah Cassidy now sent out the pond survey licence application forms and DS would contact WH about dates.

DS had agreed to do a presentation to BA & E Gardeners' Club on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. KH had an old computer with power point and JS a power point projector that DS could borrow with some slides of King's Wood/flowers/wildlife found there.

### Draft Walks & Events 2016 programme

DS circulated a draft and KH would let her have contact details for a moth event and Steve Peters had agreed to do the Nightjar walk. DS had contacted the Hare Preservation Trust about doing a presentation at the AGM.

### Treasurer's Report - HS

DS said the bank balance was £671.14



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## **FC update**

KH said the earth barrow and the North Downs Way had been restored. There would be further coppicing below the NDW. Stuart Sutton, Wildlife Ranger - Sussex Weald would also take responsibility for Kent.

KH also asked our views on fencing around the restored ponds as dogs were already going into the Bench pond near Super Kingdom and there were concerns about off-roaders driving through the other restored pond. KH would put up some notices encouraging dog owners not to let their pets damage the ponds.

## **KSCP update**

KSCP had helped to form a partnership with Ashford Borough Council, Kent AONB, two Universities, KCC and the FC to maintain the sculptures in KW. Some money remained from the now defunct Stour Valley Arts and it was hoped to licence the Forest Studio for 18 months so workshops, commissions, and restorations (possibly involving students of the University of Creative Arts) could occur. Presently there was 0.1 FTE staff and they were looking for funding and being more commercially orientated. DS said that the Friends would be happy to act as referee/Contributing Third Party once more as, and when, funds permitted.

## **Walks and Events 2016 – who's doing what?**

King's Wood Country Quiz 12<sup>th</sup> March setting up 7.00pm for 7.30pm start – everyone and please bring a team.

**AOB** - none

## **Date of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Post Meeting Note** - postponed to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February