



Friends of Horton Country Park

Minutes

For the meeting held on the 03/08/2010

Attendees: Brendan Kilby (Chairman), Terry Summerfield (Treasurer), Lindsay Coomber (EEBC), Alan Cheshire, Anne Cheshire (membership), Pat Lowe.

Apologies: n/a

Matters Arising

Membership

Anne has sent out the reminders letter for membership to those who have not paid, 17 responded. 10 not paid, and 14 new member that don't need to pay this year. There is also a few names on the list that have not paid for a few years? BK asked for a list of those not paid/responded as he may be able to visit them or know if they have moved away from the area? AC also still needs all the email addresses for members which Laurence should have?

Action- BK to contact Laurence for email address. Check status of membership next meeting.

Management Forum

The next meeting is due in Feb 2011

The forum will be discussed and action next meeting

Action – LC to find address list and original invite letter

Treasurers Report

The accounts still need auditing and TS is still making contact with Mr Hallums who does the audit. (Mr Hallums has been on holiday over the summer)

Action – TS to continue to chasing audit

The group agree that some of the budget should be spent on quality tools for the task days. A price list should be made up along with list of good brands to use.

Action – LC/SC to look at tools list

Publicity

The web page needs to be checked and updated as well as the membership leaflet. The events page is out of date and the conservation tasks need to be advertised. The address on the leaflet for membership need to be changed to AC.

The Newsletter also needs to be constructed. BK has done 2 articles on membership and volunteering. New active members are needed for the task days. LC has a team update in draft form that can go in.

BK suggested that individual posters should be put up a week before each weekend task. This may encourage new members to get involved and may even recruit more members?

Action – AC will look at putting a sticker over the remaining leaflets until a reprint can be organised.

BK to see if Peter is still able to do the web pages/newsletter?

LC to organise task posters.

Rangers update

LC informed the group that the rangers have been moved to Longmead Depo. The move was done on the grounds of lack of management and not the state of the office building. The building is still being looked at, but no decision as been made to what happens to the office?

The rangers seemed to be ok with the move and are still patrolling the country park.

This move is not meant to effect the role of the countryside team

The ‘friends of’ will continue to support and value the rangers but now the move has taken place we need to move forward as a group and draw a line under this issue.

AOB

2 quad bikes have been seen on a regular basis coming in the orange horse track. No ID of persons or reg. of bikes. They may be coming from the Longmead area?

Action – LC to inform rangers

Tony Gibbs has reported that they are 18 herons nest this year in great wood

Fishing on meadow pond is still a problem. Litter and line being left on site. LC reported that the rangers are still dealing with this and joint police raids have been done to some success.

Next meeting

3 October 2010

19:30

2 West Park Farm House