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## **The Friends of Horton Country Park**

### Minutes for the meeting held on the

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#### **Present**

Alan Cheshire, Anne Cheshire, Brendan Kilby, Ian Tilbury, Stewart Cocker.

#### **Apologies**

Ray & Rosemary Eyres, Will Thompson, Catherine Thompson, Terry Summerfield.

#### **Matters Arising**

The August meeting was briefly held in car park and no minutes were taken.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

TS not present.

#### **Membership Secretaries Report**

Nothing to report

#### **Woodland Management**

SC described planned work for winter 2013/14

**Orchard Management.** SC explained that recent plantings have survived their first summer and the London Orchard Trust have been back to check recently. Some concern expressed about ensuring volunteers who have taken part in the London Orchard Trust tasks are kept informed. SC agreed to speak to LC about ensuring the correct email address was used for BK.

#### **Grassland Management**

SC reported that hay cut and rotational grass cutting had taken place and the Countryside Team Volunteers are continuing with rotational cutting of areas where ant hills occur.

#### **Hedgerow Management**

SC reported on success of scalloping overgrown hedgerows by volunteers in recent years illustrated by a two recent photos of adult Brown Hairstreak

butterflies taken beside the actual scallops, eggs having been found in recent years.

### **Pond/Stream Management**

SC updated on completion of the first stage of the restoration (de-silting) of Lambert's Pond by the Lower Mole countryside Management project in September 2013. SC also explained that volunteer works along the Green Man Stream and at Field Pond were due this Autumn.

### **Site Interpretation**

SC explained that the 'Living Woodland' lectern was now in place a Four Acre Wood and the Bat lectern is due to be installed this Autumn.

Surbiton and District Bird watchers are to hold their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at HCP on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2014.

### **West Park Development news**

SC explained about the delay in completing the two offline balancing ponds and new wetland. BK stated that he was going to write to EEBC to ask for an explanation regarding the delay.

### **Visitor management/Site security**

### **Species sightings**

Nothing to report.

### **AOB**

BK purchasing roller blind displays this Autumn.

### **Next meeting**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 7.30 p.m. at West Park Farmhouse**