**Penney’s Wood**

**Meeting - 25th November 2014**

**Present:**

Ewen Cameron, Kate Somervail, Helena Thomson, Rory Sheehan, Iain Campbell and Alastair Kerr

**Apologies:**

Julie King, John and Bronwen Wheatley

**Points brought forward from previous meetings:**

* Minor enhancements to planting to answer local resident concerns
* Bridge enhancements
* Burn clearing and drainage
* Dog waste bins
* Community involvement

**Minor enhancements to the planting**

Kate to update Ian Moss (Woodland Trust) and ask about the most appropriate timing for this. Alastair offered to be the main point of contact regarding the trees and planting.

**Bridge and paths**

Rory and Helena agreed to look at the options for making a circular path, and the nature of the paths themselves – grass, bark etc. Rory is going to contact Glendevon Fencing and get a quote for maintaining the grass pathways over the summer/growing months.

It was agreed that the nature of the paths could be discussed again at a later meeting, once the current paths had settled and new paths were identified.

Rory is also going to look at the potential to put in a seating area in the centre of the woodland.

**Burn clearing and drainage**

This is a priority, especially with the new houses soon to be built to the west. Iain knows one of the contractors who will be building the houses and will contact them to discuss the work required.

**Dog waste bins**

Kate to contact Michael Barnacle to see if there is the possibility of getting PKC to put in at least one bin as there are bins in other areas of the village. Check with Mandy regarding previous correspondence.

**Community involvement**

* Fossoway Primary School – Ewen to find out via Hazel whether the school would be interested in using the woodland as an out door classroom/teaching resource.
* Noticeboard – it was agreed that a noticeboard would be useful, the nature and position of this is be discussed at future meetings. Information could be added about planting, wildlife, future plans etc. Ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.
* Future communications with local residents – it was agreed that the door-drops were a good way to get information out. Kate plans to set up a designated email address and local residents can be updated directly.
* Social event – it was agreed that it would be good to have an event in the spring/early summer of next year

**Committee meetings**

It was agreed that to hold quarterly meetings, starting from January 2015. Kate to contact the committee members who were unable to attend tonight and agree a date in early/mid January.