**Penney’s Wood**

**Meeting – 15th October 2015**

**Present:**

John Wheatley, Iain Campbell, Kate Somervail, Ewen Cameron

**Apologies:**

Helena Thomson, Rory Sheenan, Alastair Kerr, Julie King

**Agenda:**

Financial review
AGM
Bridges, paths and grass-cutting

Dog waste bins

Community involvement

Land at the crossroads with Scout Camp track - John
AOB

**Financial Review**

Iain supplied up to date accounts, which will be updated and finalised prior to the AGM. All payment sup to date at present.

Upcoming costs: Eamonn Wall, the contractor, included an optional final check over the trees in his original quote, and has sent a pre-payment notice of this which is due in 2016. It was agreed to go ahead with this, to ensure that an external check and sign-off was given in line with the original plan.

It was noted that there is a need for future financial planning now that all major works are completed, perhaps a discussion for the AGM.

**AGM**

To be held 5pm, November 29th at Ewen’s house

Kate to advertise – notices at the gates should be enough

**Bridge, paths and grass-cutting**

Ongoing – an idea of cost would be needed for sleepers etc.

Paths/grass-cutting – this has worked well this year, but there is still a significant number of new pathways to be cut. The option to purchase a ride-on mower was discussed and agreed in principle. Ewen to speak to his contact regarding an option on a currently redundant machine, and Iain is speaking to his contact in Muckhart for advice on purchase, and ongoing maintenance/servicing.

More permanence on site - eg, fencing, barbecue emplacement, fire pit? Etc – tbc at the AGM

Most trees have been checked by various members of the committee (thank you to all), there remains a small percentage that still need to be looked at – mainly south of the burn and west of Wester Crosslands. Proposal is to meet a2pm on the 1st Nov, all welcome, please put the date in your diary and Kate will try to remember to send a reminder nearer the time!

**Dog waste bins**

Still no word from PKC, Kate to chase

**Community involvement**

* Fossoway Primary School – the school are interested in using the woodland as an out door classroom/teaching resource. Ewen/Hazel to ask if they’d be able to take part in a litter-pick every few months – ongoing?
* Noticeboard – Kate checking costs from John
* Wooden signs to be put at the west and south gates – costs?
* Social event – went well with a solid turnout of committee and others, loads of food,

as ever, and the odd glass of wine. It was agreed to make this an annual event.

**Land at crossroads with track to Nineacres Scout Camp**

This piece of land (approx. 0.25 acre) is part of the Duncan Penney’s Estate, the Solicitors of which are looking to wind up the Estate in the near future. This piece of land has been offered to the group as an add-on to the Woodland. The land would remain in its natural state with any development being in line with the larger area of woodland. John is investigating potential issues with drainage and access, and subject to these being resolved, the committee agreed in principle to take the land on.

**AOB**

**Website**

Costs from previous meeting:

* [www.penneyswood.org.uk](http://www.penneyswood.org.uk) - agreed
* £52.88 every 2 years, plus Julie to host the site – agreed, Julie to invoice

Julie has produced a mock-up but would like more input, so if you have photos or info to add, please contact Julie. Kate to forward photos from the picnic.

**Date of next meeting:**

AGM – 5pm, 29th November, at Ewen’s house