**PENNEY’S WOOD COMMUNITY WOODLAND AGM & GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD IN PENNEY’S WOOD ON SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023 AT 4.00 PM**

**Present:** Janine Brodie; Judith Dobson; Julie King; Chris McCaughey; Helena Thompson; Hazel Cameron; Gill Kerr;

**Friends of Penney’s Wood:** Ian & Helen Davidson

**Apologies:** Alastair Kerr; Lesley Graham; James Graham; Phil Brewster; Helen Cassidy; Alan Cassidy;

Janine welcomed all to the meeting and the Minutes of the 2022 AGM (circulated by email prior to the meeting) were proposed by Judith and seconded by Hazel.

**AGM**

**Chairperson’s Report**

Janine read her very comprehensive and positive report (copy attached).

**Treasurer’s Report**

Judith detailed the balance sheet which looked very healthy (copy attached).

**Office Bearers**

Chair: Janine agreed to continue as Chair until such time as a volunteer can be found to take over!

Treasurer: Judith agreed to continue as Treasurer

Secretary: Gill agreed to continue as Secretary for the time being

Web: Julie agreed to continue updating the web page

There being no other business, the 2023 AGM closed.

**GENERAL MEETING**

**Work Party (Sunday 14 May 10-12am)**

General discussion took place on tasks for the work party. It was decided to concentrate on the following:

* Removing dead trees
* Chop and stack cut branches (so they are not a trip hazard for getting to other trees)
* Plant primroses (from Judith) and foxgloves (from Julie) in and around molehill areas.
* Inspect the blackthorn situation with a view to continued work.
* Strimming further test and congested areas.

**Summer Picnic/BBQ**

Janine has been approached (by the ladies who managed last year’s Jubilee party) for permission to use the woodland for a Coronation party this year on Saturday 6 May from 4-6 pm. This was unanimously approved and we would therefore not hold our own picnic. Future similar events are a possibility.

**Fencing**

Chris advised that Phil now had a team of 4/5 volunteers willing to replace the fence in south east of the woodland. Ian Davidson also said that he was keen to help with this

**Zones**

Janine advised that the Zones needed revision and she required assistance with Zone 1. Helen Davidson agreed to assist Janine. Chris agreed to take over Zone 8 (by the Wallace’s).

Strimming would be carried out in congested areas and Hazel advised that areas in Zone 7 could do with being strimmed too.

**Noticeboard**

Thank you, Stuart! It was agreed that Stuart has made a great job of repairing and painting the noticeboard. It also now has a new numbered padlock so that a key is no longer required! The padlock number is 401.

**Farmer’s Market**

Many thanks to those who helped at the market on 22 April. The next market is on 24 June

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| **Saturday 24 June 2023** |
| Chris (+ tow bar) |
| Judith & Stuart |
| Janine |
| Patrick (Chris to ask) |
| Helen & Ian Davidson |

**AOB**

The padlock on the container is extremely hard to open and it was agreed that a more ‘user friendly’ padlock would be purchased, if such a thing could be found.

General discussion of the mowing rota which sometimes got out of sync because of the weather, i.e. someone turning up to do their turn but because of weather delay, paths had been mown the previous week. Chris suggested a WhatsApp group be started for the mowers to post when they had mown and keep everyone on the rota up to date.

The meeting closed.

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| **Dates for 2023** | **Event** |
| ***Coronation party*** | ***Saturday 6 May 4-6*** |
| ***Spring Work Party*** | ***Sunday 14 May 10-12*** |
| ***Farmer’s Market*** | ***Saturday 24 June*** |
| ***Fossoway Gathering*** | ***September*** |