**WOOD COMMUNITY WOODLAND GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD IN PENNEY’S WOOD ON TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024 AT 7.00 PM**

**Present:** Janine Brodie; Judith Dobson; Lesley Graham; James Graham; Alan Cassidy; Pete White; Willie Thompson; Helena Thompson; Hazel Cameron; Alastair Kerr; Gill Kerr;

**Apologies:** Julie King; Phil Brewster; Helen Cassidy;

Janine welcomed all to the meeting.

Farmers Market

23/24 August will be held in the field opposite the Green Hotel.   Janine advised that there wouldn’t be enough volunteers to split into 2 groups.  James & Lindsay will be picking up the trailer from Fruix to be on the field by at 4.30 on Friday 23rd.  Janine will send a note to volunteers nearer the time.

Boundaries

Willie outlined the plan to repair the dry stane wall at the main entrance to Penney’s Wood which looks untidy and is difficult to maintain due to weeds growing between and covering fallen stones.  He has been in touch with Robert Dunlop of the Kinross branch of the Dry Stane Dyking and Walling Association (who also have charitable status) and they are happy to assist us with this.  Robert estimated that it could be done over a weekend but we might prefer to do it in stages.   Their time would be at no cost.

Chris previously advised that Morgan might be interested in helping and it was agreed that other members of the community might be willing to help on such a visible project.

Alan agreed to ask Helen if she could make up a poster for volunteers and this would also be put on Fossoway Forum Facebook page once we have located suitable stones.  The Fossoway Gathering would also offer a recruitment opportunity.

There was general discussion regarding where we could obtain the additional 10 tonnes of stone required.  Alistair said he had 2 tonnes that we could have and it was suggested that we could ask local farmers for any they may have on their land.   Once the stones fallen from the wall have been dug out with pickaxes, it will then be possible to see how many will be required + coping stones which could be moved from other parts of the wall not seen.

It was agreed that this would be an Autumn project and once stones have been sourced, it would be reported back at the next meeting.  Janine suggested a sub-group be formed to lead this,

New Plot

The legal status is still not complete.  Wilson’s finally finished their part and it's now back with Andrew Baillie.   Various suggestions were discussed regarding what the area could be used for: a couple of fruit trees and seating area; play area; wild flowers etc.    It was felt that fencing the area could be left until later as there were no animals in the next field.  This could be a Spring project but further thought is needed to establish a purpose.

Trees

It was agreed to hold an Autumn work party (date to be advised) to remove dead trees.  These would be marked with paint/ribbon before Autumn so they could be easily identified when the leaves drop!

Paths

Well Done and thanks to mowers who have done a great job despite the dreadful weather.  Although the rota is working well, we could do with another couple of members (to be included on posters).

Forward Plans

Creating formal forward plans will be discussed at the next meeting and a sub-group formed.

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Details for this will be discussed at the next meeting.  At present Janine, Judith, Hazel, Marianne and Gill are on the rota for 1 hour each.

**NEXT MEETING - 27TH AUGUST IN PENNEY’S WOOD (IF FINE) OR FYRISH AT 7.00PM**