



Letham Woodland Minutes

Sunday 2nd May 2010

Present

Neil Stoddart (minutes)

Louise Barron

Cathy Bache

Hamid Van Koten

Crispin Hayes

Apologies

Paula Millwood

Dave Hamilton

Consultation

Crispin Hayes attended as a possible consultant to take the public consultation exercise forward.

It is required to demonstrate public support for community ownership.

We plan to develop a survey/questionnaire that will be disseminated by a number of means including doo-to-door, website and press release in the community council area

Planned time for report back is 26th June 2010; this may be as a Coffee morning in village hall, **Louise** to book.

Neil to produce a profile of the project.

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Extension for the funding till 6th August, they want us to spend it all!

Look into skill training

Coppicing/ chainsaw training (**Hamid**)/timber framing

Tool kit list for woodland management ~£200 **Neil** to produce list and costing, plus arrange for storage, possible in NHTT shed @Monimail tower

Children's Woodland Group start 13th June 2-4pm Cathy & Paula to lead cost £2-£4 per session

List of materials £450

Shelter

There was discussion about shelters in the woods **Neil** has designed three forms:

- 1 a turf roofed lean to, sunk into the ground at the quarried area.
- 2 a canopy over the fire pit area.
- 3 a tree house sited where the SG kids use as 'the hospital tree'.

Plan to run construction days over the summer, materials to be taken from woods where possible.

Costings & risk assessment by **Neil**

Name change

It was decided that the name of the group did not express the woods that we are engaged with and so it was proposed by Louise Barron to change the name to "Letham Woodland Group", seconded by Neil Stoddart.

Management plan

The plan provided by the two students was considered to be a reasonable working document but required a bit of polishing so we decided to ask Kate Connelly to make it look more professional and add photos, in order to have a report that could be used as part of consultation process and with future funders.

Next meeting

6th June 2pm @ the fire pit