**CORE GROUP MEETING 7TH DEC 2015**

**Present**; Mark Harrison (minutes and chair), Ben Spencer, Ruth Illingworth, Richard Keating, Michael Dannenberg.

**Apologies**; Paul Sheridan, Jackie Rowanly, Andy Freedman.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

**Camping in the woods**. This item carried forward to next meeting. Seb to draw up a draft camping guidelines.

**Calendar and Dropbox**. ; Ben to liaise with Tom about updating the calendar. Ben is using some of his Dropbox account to store all of Follywood documents. Currently only he and Mark have access. Ben to invite the Directors to the shared Follywood Dropbox and send round log in details for the website.

**Safety Inspections**. Thanks to everyone who has inspected the woods each month and Jackie for co-ordinating it. The following people volunteered to do these inspections: Richard in January, Ben and Michael in Feb, and Mark in March.

Mark is to file all of the forms onto the shared Follywood Dropbox.

**Making Local Woods Work (MLWW) grant application**. Ruth has begun filling in the expression of interest form for this application to the Plunkett Foundation to apply for funds for training. The deadline is 15/12/15. The group went through the form to clarify our responses to the various questions. Ruth will complete the application and send round for final approval.

**Chainsaw Use and Wooding**; It was agreed to add Michael to our insurance. He is licensed to fell trees (up to 380mm dia) and for cross cutting. Mark will do this.

The wood fuel meet in Oct was very successful with about 12 members attending. It was agreed that we should fell some more of the larch this winter. Michael will liaise with Mac to find some suitable dates. We will then need a few volunteers to attend these sessions.

We will then hold some wood fuelling groups in the summer to process some of the seasoned larch for fire wood.

Ben and Richard will talk to Simon Penna about the viability of planking some of the larch.

**AGM**; We agreed to hold our AGM on Sunday 10th April in the woods.

Mark will set a doodle for next core group meeting in March.