

Folly Wood Members' Meeting, 2 July 2023

Present: Tom Sykes (chair), Dominique Shead (minutes), Mark Harrison (treasurer), Nigel Westaway, Paul Sheridan, Martin Benson, Nick Mills

Apologies: Barbara Imrie, Gabriel Kaye, Graham Russell, Richard & Helen Keating, Wendy Gerard, Frances Dathan, Magnus Taylor, John McLellan, Ben Spencer, Perdita Dawson, Ruth Illingworth, Andy Freedman, Adam Biscoe, Simon Arundel

Welcome and apologies

Quorate – just!

Matters arising from the last meeting

Mark will provide a list of those who have paid their £20 contributions. Ruth has written to Stuart Roweth about a possible viewing of the SVP pond at Salmon Springs and is waiting to hear back with a proposed date.

Pond

The sycamore root by the side of the future pond has been removed by Ben Spencer and his nephews (doing DofE). The plan today is to mark out the dimensions of the pond and make a start on the digging. Nigel has looked into the cost of pond liners and underlay, which range (at the higher end of the range) from £600 to £1,000, which is under the £1,500 limit set at the previous meeting. He suggests we consider good quality products that will last. It was agreed that we would have a pond digging session on the last Saturday of every month, i.e. at the same time as the wildflower survey. The next session will be on Saturday 29th July at 11am. Dom will send out reminders.

Website

Currently on the Stroudwoods website in a section called 'Members' Info' is a sub-section called 'Co-op Documents'. This contains the minutes of our meetings, guidelines for making campfire bookings, camping guidelines and risk assessments (the latter recently compiled by the social/events group). It is currently password-protected, from when Jack Richardson and Tom Keating revamped our website. In order for members to easily access risk assessments and guidelines, Dom proposed doing away with password protection. This was agreed by the members present, with the comment that we are an open organization with nothing to hide.

Drawing of the wood

By tracing OS maps, Tom and Nigel have mapped Folly Wood, marking the main paths, the secondary paths and the small tertiary paths. Tom has prepared the map in several layers, and it will be scanned once finished so that it can be distributed to members and put onto the website. It will be an ideal tool for wood inspections, and to monitor changes in the wood in the future. Tom and Nigel estimate there are about 1,300 trees in Folly Wood. Many thanks to both!

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