

Meeting between Forestry Commission and Old Hall Wood Liaison Group

11th October 2011 – Old Hall Farm

Present : Old Hall Wood Liaison Group – Ken Dean, Paul Holden, Mark Sharphouse

Forestry Commission – Jon Beardsley, Mark Birchall, Nigel Williams

1. Discussion took place over the content of the written agreement between Forestry Commission and Old Hall Wood Liaison Group. Attached to this email.
2. People actively involved in this scheme will be asked to register their details, with name and address being the minimum. One reason is to ensure that they are covered for public liability. F.C. to receive updated list at regular intervals.
3. F.C. to provide the Liaison Group with a log book to enable a record to be kept of activities that have taken place.
4. F.C. to provide warning signs for the group.
5. F.C. to provide High vis waistcoats.
6. F.C. will provide training on basic silviculture such as coppicing, pruning.
7. There may be opportunities to co-ordinate funding for chainsaw courses.
8. Liaison group are happy for volunteers from outside the community to be involved on activity days.

Priorities

1. Improve the area along the path from Dick Beck running north to the boundary with Woodland Trust.

Mark B. and Jon B. to arrange a date for site visit with Liaison Group to determine what needs doing, system of work, tools / materials required, and organise a date to start work. F.C. to provide staff supplemented by volunteers.

2. Footpath in Dick Hill area.
3. Area of windblown trees behind Old Hall Farm
4. Unblock field drains in wood adjacent to springs.

Nigel Williams
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