

**HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2013

Present: Mr Mike Allin (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)  
Mrs Hazel Barkworth ( Commoner)  
Mr Dan Cornell (South Downs National Park Authority))  
Mr Peter Stenning (Parish Councillor)  
Mr Chris Welfare (Chairman Parish Council)

*Matters arising*

- a) The 57 trees planted in centre of common were re-staked. Ash trees checked for die-back—none found. (*Chalara fraxinea*).
- b) DC did not flail the 1988 plantation in autumn.
- c) New and more accurate map of Hesworth still needs to be produced for the new Management/Stewardship plan.
- d) Brief outline of our Management Plan will be published on the web-site by CW after it has been finalised.
- e) FPC have dealt with fly-tipping by one perpetrator, but it is still happening along footpaths.
- f) CW, MA and PS are keeping an eye on development at Badgers in St Marys. Good job is being made of the cottage.
- g) New plan of the Common showing extended areas B,E and the bog area awaited.
- h) Heather seed not collected-too wet; brambles and rhododendrons not checked.
- i) FPC wrote back re horse-riding. We have NO bridle route.
- j) Lorries are still scraping the sandy bank on south side of A283; keep a watching brief.
- k) MA contacted Scouts about help in Birchwalks—no response yet.
- l) DC did spraying in July/August.

*New Items:*

- 1) Trees overhanging Bradley-Williams seat in Birchwalks need trimming.
- 2) Rhododendrons need trimming or removing before they become pests. Maybe the Scouts could help with this.
- 3) Check posts on common to indicate NO bridle route, horse riding is NOT encouraged.
- 4) Clear undergrowth around trees in 1988 plantation.
- 5) DC will give us a work-day with volunteers on a Thursday before Christmas, when brambles near Trig-point and western car-park will be tackled.
- 6) 1989 Commemorative tree at top of St Marys needs opening-up; cut trees back and clear undergrowth.
- 7) All view-points need checking and possibly opening-up.
- 8) CW to contact Forest Schools about NO lighting of fires.

*Future dates:*

New Work day with DC on a Thursday before Christmas.  
Work-day with WCV possibly on February 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.  
Management meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at Woodside 4.30 pm.