

ELCV Trustees Meeting

2pm Thursday 2nd May, 2019

Innes Room, Town House Haddington

Present; Dave Oldham (chair), Kate Odling, Peter Wells, Mike Sharp, Dave Quarenden, Jane Campbell, John Harrison

Agenda		Action
1.	Apologies; Dick Gill, Abbie Marland, Katty Baird, Anne Pearson, Colin Ballantyne	
2.	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as accurate	
3.	Aberlady Hub Update; The Bank of Scotland will inform ELCV about the results of the grant application on 13 th June 2019	
4.	Project Proposals; The “Invasives Project” will remain the main focus of activity for the near future. Other (minor) projects can be submitted and will be supported. Eg; North Berwick wetland project. Discussion of potential funding from the Landfill Communities Fund which is overseen by SEPA. The project must be sited within 10 miles of a landfill site. Nearest site is Dunbar. Funding is distributed by a registered organisation such as Viridor and the Lands Trust.	PW
5.	The Invasive Species Initiative; Invasives Week is 13 th – 17 th May. ELC are sending a press release to the East Lothian Courier for that week’s edition. ELCV will add our information to that bulletin	DO

	<p>A photograph of 'spotters' wearing our new blue gilets will be included. Date to be confirmed. John will find out about distribution of gilets.</p> <p>SNH has donated £1000 towards the acquisition of Roundup so that ELCV can contribute to landowners' costs. Dave O & Dave Q to meet James Wyllie & Michael Thornton (SNH).</p> <p>GH spotting is starting now as it starts to grow vigorously. Numbers of spotter are low. An e-mail will be sent out to ask for volunteers. The Midlothian Ranger Service to be contacted to see if they are already monitoring GH along the Tyne and if they would be interested in joining us.</p> <p>An on-line interactive map is available so that records are made public.</p> <p>//tinyurl.com/THE-RecordIt</p> <p>Advice for spotters is to take binoculars, wellies and wear complete body cover. There may not be a public path along every part of the riverbank. Do not try to remove the plants.</p> <p>The ownership of GH on the islands within the river must be resolved so that it can be removed safely too. Work has been done for several years but help would be appreciated. Possibly the local kayak club, Friends of the River Tyne and local landowners would help.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>DO, DQ DQ JL</p> <p>JH</p> <p>DQ</p> <p>DO AP</p>
6.	<p>Raising Awareness; the Friends of the River Tyne have joined the ELCV group. The press release in the Courier may increase our volunteer numbers. Duncan used to be the 'gateway to volunteering with the Countryside teams. It is not clear who will be taking over this role.</p> <p>How many people are members of ELCV?</p> <p>How many people are volunteers with the Countryside team</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>DO</p>
7.	<p>Business Plan; carried over</p>	<p>DO</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>ELC-ELCV support; ELC value the contribution ELCV members make. The council is under financial pressure but when Duncan's post is refilled there may be 2/3 days allocated to supporting ELCV. Meanwhile use Neil Clark as the point of contact.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Officer, Catherine Cumming, will look after vegetation monitoring on sites that are grazed, plus bumblebee records, and take part in Plant Hunters (part of the BSBI monitoring programme). Individual Rangers will be in charge of plant monitoring on their own sites, but Catherine is keen to be involved with any other surveys and records for biodiversity. Nick Morgan will continue to be the East Lothian Butterfly Transect Co-ordinator, so records should be sent to him as usual.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Business card; A card with name, website & facebook address. A suitable picture on one side. Possibly the ELCV badge.</p> <p>Butterfly braes at Levenhall; these have been planted & are ready for caterpillars. The Grayling site at Blindwells has been damaged & is unlikely to have anything viable. A small colony at Meadowmill may be used instead.</p>	<p>DQ</p> <p>AM</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting; A doodle poll will be circulated for a meeting during the weeks commencing 15th & 22nd July</p>	<p>KB</p>