

AYMESTREY PARISH COMMONS ASSOCIATION

APCA Committee Meeting Wednesday 7th September 2022, 7pm

Present: Martyn Booth, Susanna Checketts, Helen Hamilton, Dan Hurcomb(Chair),
Richard Hammond

Apologies: Ian Goddard, Nicola Kearton

AGENDA items

Collation of current info - see Web Presence; Martyn is gathering info

Collation of historic/anecdotal info – see Action points 4 & 5

Communications – Helen will contact Nigel Hands; Martyn has contacted Butterfly Conservation, but no feedback so far

Constitution – Dan will circulate before next meeting

Progress – bracken bashing on Yatton Hill Common went well, thanks to all.

NB – APCA does not insure local volunteers/their equipment

Surveys - Yatton Marsh Common East piece very overgrown, no real

access, very dark; Ballsgate very overgrown with brambles/nettles

Web presence– Ian Banks has set up basic website frame: breakdown of 3 commons, jobs achieved/organised – access email to be set up, Martyn will liaise, and send bracken-bashing pics to website

Work Parties – probable next time for work parties is November; appeal for volunteers to go into Aymestrey Matters/website – dates to be widely circulated

Work Targets - clear path from bench down to Hole; sort out Yatton Marsh Common pieces; Ballsgate tracks

(In future – paths round Hole to be widened with different length paths for walker abilities)

Action points

1) suggestion to advertise APCA/work party jobs in Aymestrey Matters – Martyn to liaise with Ian Banks/Ian Goddard

2) need to investigate access track for Ballsgate

3) map of Yatton Common with paths needed

4) recorded info on all commons to be checked: ecology reports (esp. re plant species), Registry office, aerial surveys

5) possibility of talks with local people for anecdotal info

6) path up from Hole to be looked at (Martyn)

7) info on paths to go into walking booklet

8) need for someone knowledgeable about flora?

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 12th October 2022, 7pm; work party dates to be decided then.