MINUTES OF FAB MEETING 11th FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: Erica Benson, Keith Benson, Debbie Payjack; Bryan Rollo; Norma Alari and Sarah Davidson

APOLOGIES: Laura Rigon

Minutes accepted from last meeting:

1 - Discussed the talk given last month from Crispin Hayes regarding the fruit orchard survey. Sarah discussed this at the Sustainable Cupar meeting of 30th January 2015, and from that it was decided to request a bit more information from Crispin before we finally commit. Judy Dowling has offered to assist training our volunteers. (Judy will also identify the double-flowering pear tree in Orchard Walk).

2 – Monimail – Sam from Monimail wishes to use material from Orchard Walk for his grafting project (planting 300 fruit trees in Perth). While we are pleased he has identified our orchard, we cannot guarantee any of our stock as being disease free. Sarah has ordered 15 M106 apple rootstock from Sam.

3 - 15th February pruning at Elmwood: 11am-1pm. Gate to be mended. Path to be cleared of weeds and mulched. Prune all soft fruits. Plant two gooseberries and blue berry. Mulch with dung. Debbie, John, Norma and Sarah will help on the day.

4 – 15th February Pruning at Westfiled Nursery. 10.30. Bryan, Erica and Keith. Nicki with Scouts.

5 – 22nd February, pruning at Orchard Walk: 11am – 1pm. Pruning fruit trees, mulching etc. Sarah to invite Sam (Monimail) to attend. Sarah has mapped the trees, their varieties and who planted them. We need to decide where to place three benches that Fife Council have said we can have for Orchard Walk.

6 – 27th February tree planting at Letham School 1.15 approx. Bryan to lead this event. 12 fruit trees will be planted. Bryan will store the plants and purchase stakes and ties. Sarah will purchase vole guards.

6 – 8th March Meet at Debbie’s house 11 am. (Date to be confirmed). Grafting session and pruning. Sarah to invite Sam (Monimail) to assist with grafting. Requirements on the day – large pots, compost, labels, ties, stakes. Erica and Keith informed the group that compost is available from the Old Course, St Andrews (needs sifting).

7 – It was decided tonight, after discussion, not to purchase the fruit press from North How Transistion Group. Sarah to contact Crispen.

8 – FAB require a volunteer to liaise with the media – any takers?

Meeting closed approx 21.00