

# Forest Education Initiative

## Minutes of the meeting

### 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**Present** Kate Jones, Richard Gilchrist, John Allom , Carole Evans

Liz Beech, Jeff Searle, Julie Fulton

#### Apologies

Welcome to Carole Evans

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Minutes of last meeting.

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#### **Forest Schools Taster Day**

3. The matter of the money for the day was discussed. We needed to know what had been agreed from the YMCA. Lorna will be contacted to confirm any funding. The numbers so far for the taster day are at 12, with three having been paid for. We need to discuss about if any money left over – can it be put to the FEI group? Next meeting.

Times of the day were discussed, a brief outline was put together-

9.30 Register (Tea/ Coffee)

9.45 Start day with theory

9.45 – 10.45 Theory (Pre school children)

10.45-12.15 Practical outside

12.15 – 1.00 Lunch being provided.

1.00 –2.00 Theory in classroom

1.00 –3.30 Practical outside

3.30 Finish

The day is to be split into two with the morning focussing on Pre school age and the afternoon looking at older children.

John will be able to arrange lunch.

People need to be aware that they need to wear clothes that they don't mind getting dirty. Waterproofs are a good idea but John has some at the centre to lend to people. He also has ample pairs of wellies for everyone, as the site tends to be wet.

It was hoped that everyone attending the day would have a willingness to get involved and to embrace the tasks.

It is also to be made clear again that John is a practitioner not a Forest school trainer, he is going to make people aware of what they do at West Boldon centre.

A map needs to be emailed out together with an outline of the day, John is to email me a map. It must also be highlighted that there are no signposts outside the centre.

AOB

4. After speaking to Susannah Podmore (FEI co-ordinator for England) on the telephone, people were interested in inviting her up to our next meeting. It was agreed to ask her to email possible dates that she could attend to perhaps give us some guidance and to answer any questions etc.

KJ

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North East Cluster group have made it onto the FEI website, this can be updated regularly.

It was mentioned that for the next meeting it would be good to come with ideas for our group to decide upon. It was raised that putting together a database of people involved in forest schools may be a start. Maybe an open day for teachers to understand the Forest Schools concept.

**Date of  
next  
meeting**

**To be confirmed after speaking to Susanna Podmore**

**Location – To be arranged.** The Great North Forest will be relocating to Anfield Plain (a room can be booked if this is an agreed place for a meeting) or Richard Gilchrist suggested the classroom at Chopwell Woods outside the school holidays.