WeBS Local Organiser Advisory Committee

10th Meeting: 25th August 2015, 10:00. The Nunnery, Thetford.

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

Members are asked to inform Heidi Mellan whether or not they are able to attend the meeting, so that numbers for lunch can be assessed accurately.

2 Welcome and introductions

All attendees will be invited to introduce themselves.

3 Confidentiality and conflicts of interest

Members of the Committee are asked to note that agenda items marked with an asterisk should be regarded as strictly confidential. The Committee may add or remove asterisks during the meeting. Committee members are asked to notify the Chair of any conflict of interest for any particular item and to absent themselves from the discussion, decision or vote for this item as appropriate.

4 Action points from the last meeting and matters arising

Action points from the last meeting will be sent along with this agenda. Copies can also be obtained from http://btoweb01.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/webs/about-webs/webs-local-advisory-committee-loac

5 WeBS Progress Update

WITUK Newsletter LT report WeBS Training WeBS Online

6 WeBS Social Media

Update of WeBS Facebook and Twitter accounts

7 NEWS

Update of NEWS survey - demo

8 Reports from partners

- (a) Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
- **(b)** Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- (c) Joint Nature Conservation Committee on behalf of Country Agencies
- (d) British Trust for Ornithology

9 Any other business

Access to Fishing Lakes
Issues with online validation
Colour-ringed birds
Regional meetings
Online entries – taxonomic vs alphabetic
Levels of disturbance
Consilidated counts
Recording of tidal state

Committee members are asked to inform Heidi Mellan of any other business in advance of the meeting whenever possible.

10 Date of next meeting

Lunch will be served at 1 pm.

Members are asked to contact the WeBS Office before the meeting if they wish to initiate major discussion of any item that they believe might not otherwise be discussed, in case background information needs to be prepared.

BTO staff are always happy to discuss their work with committee members. Those who wish to see a member of staff on the day of a meeting should telephone in advance to ensure that the person in question will be available.