Natural Basingstoke 12 January 2015

Training Course Schedule for 2015:

1st Call: The initial announcement and request for interest in the following courses. Training courses are free of charge. Expressions of interest should be made through the leader / delegated member of each conservation group. An expression of interest from a minimum of 4 members is required for the course to be arranged. Please make expressions of interest in any training course on behalf of a group member to David Flint: davidaflint@btinternet.com or telephone 01256 781413.

2nd Call: Confirmation of the course date and details will be given 6 weeks prior to the date to all those expressing interest and to all the groups through the leader / delegated member of the group.

3rd Call: Confirmation of attendance will be requested by 3 weeks ahead of the course date. A decision on whether to go ahead with the course will require a minimum of 6 attendees. The booking will be made in the joint names of the attendee and the attendee’s conservation group.

4th Call: Confirmation will be made to the tutor and attendees 2 weeks ahead of the course date. If the attendee is unable to attend the course it will be the responsibility of the leader / delegated member of the attendee’s group to find a substitute attendee from the same conservation group.

Level 1: Training (3-4 hours on a Saturday morning)

1. Flora Identification and Surveying (a talk and field identification)

Tutor: Martina Jones

Venue: (?)

Timing: early-mid June 2015

2. Grasses Identification (a talk and field identification)

Tutor: Martina Jones

Venue: possibly Down Grange Meadow

Timing: June-September 2015

3. Invertebrates (excluding butterflies and moths - a talk and field identification)

Tutors: Alan Wilkinson lead, Steve Goodwin, David Glover

Venue: possibly Black Dam & Crabtree

Timing: (?) 2015

4. Birds (what birds to expect and how to encourage them - a talk and a field walk)

Tutor: Peter Hutchings (RSPB)

Venue: possibly Millfield

Timing: (?) 2015

Level 2: Workshops (whole day on a Saturday)

1. The Role of Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) and Data Recording

Tutors: Nicky Court (HBIC) lead, Alan Wilkinson, Chris Rose

Venue: ? (indoors)

Timing: March 2015

2. Work Party Management and Risk Assessment

Tutors: ? and B&DBC

Venue: ? (indoors)

Timing: late Summer / September 2015