

Ayrshire and Lanarkshire Timber Transport Group

Meeting Minutes 16th September 2013

1. Apologies from many received. A disappointing turnout with only three people attending. James agreed to Chair the meeting.
2. **Minutes of meeting 15th November 2011** - Minutes were summarised and action points covered in meeting.
3. **South of Scotland Timber Transport Officer Update** - James England (JE)
4. **Agreed Route Maps.**
 - a. Amendments
 - b. South Lanarkshire Council ARM maps
5. **Local Timber Transport Issues:**
 - a. North Ayrshire Council
 - b. East Ayrshire Council
 - c. South Ayrshire Council
 - d. South Lanarkshire Council
6. **Strategic Timber Transport Scheme.**
 - a. An update was given on the next round which is due to close in November 2012 any bids will need to be developed as soon as possible.
 - b. a discussion over STTS projects highlighted three possible projects:
 - i. C1 Forest Bypass
 - ii. IT management system for dealing with consultation routes
 - iii. North of Straiton
7. **AOCB**
 - a. The disease *phytophthora ramorum* was discussed and its impact on Japanese larch.
 - b. Neil Murray mentioned about the FISA update in relation to Timber Haulage.
 - c. Unbranded timber lorries were discussed and the difficulties of tracking these vehicles down.
 - d. Agreed to tackle the groups poor attendance.
8. **Date of next meeting tbc**