

8. Over the last year or so, A&BC has

- a. Continued to uplift from the rubbish bins
- b. Filled potholes in the car park
- c. Dealt with a partly collapsed tree root plate beside the northern path
- d. Dealt with SLQH WUHHV LQ WKH 1 (FRU QKH DRG 'W DM 3W 0 F PR U Q H U R I
Duchess Drive and MacLeod Drive; a part fallen tree half way up the east path ; a

17. The Management Plan recognises the need for professional forestry advice in establishing the best action to improve the Wood, and FODW believes that this would still be a valuable input. This has been emphasised by the most recent high winds which have brought down more trees in the Wood, and the cumulative effect of the many storms since May 2011 is that parts of the Wood look increasingly unkempt and unmanaged. In one small area (one of those identified as a possible glade) 15 quite substantial trees are now lying fully or partly down, and just to the south another 15 have fallen. The Wood is well in excess of the three fallen trees per hectare minimum suggested to help promote biodiversity.

18. The Management Plan, the Funding, Implementation and Delivery Plan, and the Suggested Work Activities paper all recognise and support the major objective of returning the Wood to a more native composition through selective felling and replanting, and areas for the creation of glades have been clearly identified. But this work cannot be undertaken without significant financial support (indicative costs were obtained earlier). It is not clear to FODW whether any major sources of funding are available. It would be helpful if LCG or Council officers could confirm if any