

BOGGART HOLE CLOUGH COMMUNITY ACTION TRUST
Protecting and revitalizing Boggart Hole Clough Ancient Woodland Park

**Minutes of 9th January 2008 meeting, regarding
Manchester Poplar replacement planting options,**

held at Boggart Hole Clough Visitor Centre, Charlestown Road, Manchester, M9 7DF.

BHCCAT: Boggart Hole Clough Community Action Trust.

MCC: Manchester City Council. MCC departments – **MEDC:** Manchester Engineering Design Consultancy, **ML:** Manchester Leisure.

1. Present: Joan Kavanagh (BHCCAT Chair pro tem), Kylie Ward (ML North Area Parks Manager), Mark Hackett (BHCCAT Deputy Chair, Charlestown Councillor), Paul McCrystal, Peter Milner (BHCCAT Secretary), Saul Mearns (ML North Area Parks Warden), Steve Hamilton.

2. Apologies for absence: Jean Finch (BHCCAT Treasurer), Joe Walsh (ML Arboricultural Officer).

3. Distribution of BHCCAT 8.1.08 document “Manchester Poplar replacement planting proposals” outlining MEDC’s 29.11.07 proposal alongside **BHCCAT’s preliminary alternative proposal with reasons for preferring native rather than exotic planting.**

4. Table below shows **planting preferences agreed at this meeting**, adjusting preliminary alternative proposal (see item 3 above), alongside MEDC’s original proposal.

Area	MEDC 29.11.07 proposal	Meeting 9.1.08 proposal
1. Both sides of main avenue adjacent to (east of) athletics track	20 Sweet Chestnuts	20 Sessile Oaks. Plant in same positions as removed M. Poplars
2. Both sides of main avenue towards Lake beyond first car barrier	12 Walnuts	4 Limes. Only few M. Poplars removed from here so little space available
3. Both sides of main avenue beyond second car barrier at junction with White Walk	3 Mulberries, Cedar of Lebanon	4 Yews
4. Around southern Lake perimeter	12 Stone Pines, 5 Turkish Hazels	Removal of M. Poplars from here opened Lake to more air & light & reduced leaf litter entering Lake. These factors maybe lessening Lake’s blue-green algae. Replanting many large trees perhaps undesirable. 4 White Willows, 4 Common Sallow Goat Willows (both these species could be pollarded for fence weaving), 4 Guelder Roses, 4 Malus Sylvestris Crab Apples
5. West & south boundary of David Lewis Rec	4 Oriental Planes, 2 Liquidambar Styraciflua Worplesdons, 4 Betula Pendula Tristis Birches, 6 Sessile Oaks, 6 Pin Oaks	No alternative proposal – appropriate area, on Clough periphery, for some exotic planting. 4 Oriental Planes, 2 Liquidambar Styraciflua Worplesdons, 4 Betula Pendula Tristis Birches, 6 Sessile Oaks, 6 Pin Oaks
6. David Lewis Rec as a whole	No proposal	Arboretum: appropriate area, on Clough periphery, for some exotic planting. Both sides of pathways: Sweet Chestnut, Walnut, Mulberry, Stone Pine, Turkish Hazel, Leyland Cypress. In central area: Cedar of Lebanon
7. Along west / meadow side of athletics track	No proposal	12 Limes
Number of trees	75	85