



Llais y Goedwig Members' Update 12 July 2011

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Llais y Goedwig manifesto for Welsh forests

One of the reasons LlyG formed was to represent the views of community woodland groups to policy makers.. why? Because, government policy establishes the purpose of forests and a vision of how they can serve the nation. From this flows the nature and purpose of forestry grants, which species are preferred for new plantings, the amount of local involvement in management of the Welsh Government forests, whether FC forests can be sold off etc.. LlyG is actively involved in policy working groups and is a principal partner on the delivery of 4 Actions in the Woodlands for Wales strategy. However, much of what we have said in this arena has been reactive - we provide answers from community woodland perspective to questions asked by policy makers. If we had a clear statement of how the forests could serve the needs of the people of Wales - we would be in a better position to be pro-active and ask for help to make this happen. It is a time of flux in Welsh Government - there are new legislative powers, discussion of possible mergers of FCW, CCW and EA, disquiet with sales of public forests leaking over the border from England and a new government. At our AGM in March the membership asked LlyG officers to represent the needs of community woodland users in Wales through a manifesto. There is probably no better time for Llais y Goedwig to present it's own manifesto to revitalise the link between the people and forests of Wales.

We need lots of ideas from lots of people to make the manifesto something of real value based on an inspiring and aspirational vision of forests providing for the needs of the

people of Wales. The first meeting of the Llais y Goedwig forest policy group was held in Machynlleth yesterday (21st July), and a full report should be following to members shortly- though do continue to send thoughts and ideas.

Llais y Goedwig Skillshare event- October 2011

This will be an informal one day event to be held at Coppicewood College in October. It should be a great chance to meet members old and new, share ideas and skills and visit some working woods. More details to follow in a special update very soon!

Please do get in touch with Jo to share your ideas or express an interest in attending.
jo.cooper@llaisygoedwig.org.uk 01654 700061.

Giving interviews for Llais y Goedwig- can you help?

From time to time Llais y Goedwig is contacted by the media (particularly when there is an event organised) wanting interviews- often with people who work in the woods. If this is something you might be able to help with, and particularly if you are a Welsh speaker then please do get in touch. You don't have to be really knowledgeable about the organisation, and it would only be for subjects you felt comfortable with, or we could brief you on beforehand. We're trying to compile a list of possible people to get a wide range of experience so please do get in touch if you'd be able to help with this.

Llais y Goedwig is on Facebook and twitter

If you don't use these sites then don't worry- nothing will be posted there that isn't also available on the website, or in these updates. If you do then please do join/ like/ follow us, as it can be a useful way to spread the word about what's going on in the world of Welsh community woodland groups, and it can of course be quicker than waiting for an update. Please feel free to post in the language of your choice (from Welsh or English) in these forums.

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Llais-y-Goedwig/210634548981172>

Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/223690894328205?ap=1>

To follow Llais y Goedwig on Twitter: @Llais_yGoedwig

LlyG Promotion materials ready

What is Llais y Goedwig and what does it do to support community woodland groups? Over the last few months, we have prepared a series of leaflets about the scope of the network and the support that Llais y Goedwig provides, it's worth having a look at these if you have any questions about how Llais y Goedwig could work with your group or organisation. We hope you will find these useful:

- What we can do for community woodland groups
- What we can do for local authorities
- What we can do... publications
- What we can do... website
- What we can do... climate change reader

These are all available as downloadable pdf files from the website
<http://llaisygoedwig.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Jo is also happy to put together promotional packs to include multiple copies of the leaflets (which are A4 folded to A5) and a stack of postcards for you to spread the message about Llais y Goedwig. Do get in touch with Jo if you will be attending any events where you could distribute leaflets or if you are having your own event. jo.cooper@llaisygoedwig.org.uk

Llais y Goedwig out and about

Royal Welsh Show- Llais y Goedwig will be here on Monday and Tuesday 18th and 19th- come and find us for a chat or to pick up some leaflets!

Moelyci open day- This was held on the 3rd July, on a very sunny day, and featured a wide range of stalls, demonstrations and entertainment. Everything from green woodworking to a sheep obstacle course.

International forest films

Following on from interest in the films from the International Forest Film Festival, held earlier on this year in Jackson Hole in the United States. Llais y Goedwig has acquired 10 hours worth of films from the festival and agreement that we can make these available to member groups. If you would like to see the films or host a public screening do contact Adam Thorogood: adamthorogood@llaisygoedwig.co.uk. Otherwise look out for screenings local to you.

Questionnaire on future of England's forests

Following the successful campaign by 38° to stop the sale of public forests, a government panel has been set up to look at the future of forests- just 5 questions which you can answer at this link: <https://secure.38degrees.org.uk/forests-panel>

Woodland Trust seeks community groups to lease woods

The Woodland Trust have several woodlands in Wales which they are looking to lease to interested groups/people. The leases are likely to be for a nominal/peppercorn rent for a period of 25 years and each already has a management plan. These are the woods presently being offered:

Wood	Size (ha)	Location
Coed Aber Eden	2.5	Ganllwyd, Dolgellau, Gwynedd
Coed Dolyronnen	3.12	Tal y Wern, Machynlleth, Powys
Coed Friog	3.01	Farbourne, Gwynedd
Coed Pwllgwyn	2.36	Afonwen, Caerwys, Sir y Fflint - Flintshire
Coed Tan y Bryn	1.16	Garndolbenmaen, Gwynedd
Coed Tyddyn Halen	2.86	Ysceifiog, Mold, Sir y Fflint - Flintshire
Coed y Glyn	1.26	Tremeirchion, Sir Ddinbych - Denbighshire
Sheila's Peace	0.28	St Ishmaels, Sir Benfro - Pembrokeshire
Trafalgar Wood	0.4	Porthcawl, Mid-Glamorgan, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr - Bridgend
Coed Tyddyn Badyr	3.14	Pentir, nr Bangor, Gwynedd

More information on each wood including the management plans can be found at: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/our-woods/Pages/woodland-trust-woods.aspx#.ThxX-2GmTTr>

There are other sites that will come under consideration and, if you are, or know of, a group that are keen to take on a site, then get in touch with the Woodland Trust as it may be possible for them to match you up with something.

For more details or to express an interest contact Julie Jenkins. Tel: 08452 935794 or email: juliejenkins@woodlandtrust.org.uk

Woodland events and courses

Below is a selection of events happening in community woodlands and the woodland sector around Wales – don't see yours here? Get in touch and let us know what you're up to, and we can put details on our website and in the next update. Through the member's network, this information goes out to a potential audience of 2000. For a reminder a fortnight before the deadline ask Jo to be put on the reminder list.

Members of Llais y Goedwig's board are drawn from community woodlands across Wales so it may be possible for one or some of us to come along and support your events this summer. These are great opportunities for developing our network, for meeting new and existing members and for you to tell us what Llais y Goedwig can do for you by way of support, advice or guidance. If your group is holding any events this summer, please let us know. We can also spread the news through the updates and on the Llais y Goedwig website.

National Trust - Glan Faenol Open Day

29th July 2011

1-6 pm.

FREE ENTRY

Ffon/Phone 07748 983016 / plasnewydd@nationaltrust.org.uk

Directions: A55 Junction 9 (Ysbyty Gwynedd), follow signs for 'Parc Menai' and then follow signs for the event itself.

Natur - Wildlife Crime Course

Wednesday 20th July 2011, 10am-4pm Llyn Llech Owain Country Park near Crosshands.

See [poster HERE](#) for details and for further information/booking form please contact chloe@natur.org.uk

Courses/ training

- **Moelyci Coppice Group** (near Bangor, Gwynedd)

Mike Bithell, from Moelyci Coppice group, usually runs a free drop-in for green woodworking skills from 10 o'clock on a Sunday. Tools supplied, bring your own inspiration. Open to all but probably best to ring first to check he'll be there- 01248 602397.

- **The Centre for Alternative Technology** (Machynlleth)

Also runs woodland and craft courses- see this link for more details.

<http://www2.cat.org.uk/shortcourses/index.php?cPath=6&osCsid=61c21a0edd37b8ed976f00ca197b52b4>

- **Coppicewood College-** (near ??, Pembrokeshire)

* Green Woodworking 4 days from Monday 15th August £160

* Pole lathing Sat/Sun 27th/28th August £100
* Woodland Skills Course running Wed and Thurs for 6 months from Wed 28th September
Enquiries to Bruce at coppicewood01@aol.com
<http://coppicewoodcollege.co.uk>

- **Woodland Skills Centre-** (Bodfari, Denbighshire)
run a wide range of woodland management and craft courses throughout the year at their centre near Denbigh, as well as Family Woodland Days, Week-Ends and Weeks and Bushcraft courses- see <http://www.woodlandskillscentre.co.uk/>

For enquiries contact Rod: enquiries@bodfari-charcoal.co.uk

- **One Day Introductory Scythe Courses from Dyfed Permaculture Farm Trust**
All you need to know to get you started using a scythe!
Saturday 13th August 10am-4pm Cost £40
To book email scythecymru@yahoo.co.uk or phone Michelle on 07813 464990
- **Training the Trainer 21 & 22 July 2011, Cardiff**
The course is suitable for people new to delivering training and provides an introduction to training skills. The course content includes: identifying training needs; writing aims and objectives; designing a training course; presenting information; training methods; dealing with difficulties in groups; simple assessment and evaluation. Further details are available from NewLink Wales, tel 029 2052 9002, email info@newlinkwales.org.uk.
(Source: WCVA June 2011)

New reports

Welsh Government issues statement on Natural Environment Framework John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development has issued the following statement on the WG's environmental strategy. [NEF update June 2011 English](#)

UK National Ecosystem Assessment report launched The UK's parks, lakes, forests and wildlife are worth billions of pounds to the economy, says a major report launched last month. The UK National Ecosystem Assessment (UK NEA) is the first analysis of the UK's natural environment in terms of the benefits it provides to society and continuing economic prosperity. The report is available from the NEA website <http://uknea.unep-wcmc.org>

World Forests Youth Awareness Week Oct 2011

Do you know of a youth environmental organisations and groups from the UK who would be interested in organising a forest youth event in October this year? Look East Wild Earth (LEWE), a small UK charity promoting links with Eastern Europe, and Youth and Environment Europe (YEE) are looking for partner youth organisations to contribute to the UN international Year of the Forest.

Funding of between £100 and £1000 is available (depending on exactly what you want to organise) to organise lectures, film showings, forest-based events and workshops, and a website full of information on forests – both locally and globally. To express an interest in being a local partner on this project and/or to find out more please contact Katy Harris katy@lookeast.org.uk (01970 610104) or Gemma Tracey yee@lookeast.org.uk

Funding news

We are about to launch a new members-only funding database on the website. This will provide comprehensive and up-to-date lists of different types of funds and provide a forum for members to share their fund-raising experiences. Look out for a news flash when this is launched sometime in early August.

In the meantime – here is some breaking news:

Free assistance for rural organisations

Wales' Rural Forum has produced a leaflet outlining the help that is available free of charge to community groups in rural Objective 1 areas. The Rural Resource can offer IT support, event support and general support. For further information please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnht>
(Source: CCW, May 2011)

Sustainable Funding Project

The Sustainable Funding Project have published six guides for funding aimed at small to medium sized community or voluntary organisations and fundraisers working with them. The guides cover the following topics: sustainable funding; financial management; fundraising trading; procurement and contracting; and loan finance. They can be downloaded free of charge as PDF files from: <http://digbig.com/5bapcc>
(Source: CCW, May 2011)

Big Lottery Fund announces Millennium Now Fund

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has revealed it is to launch an £11 million programme to invest in five projects to be chosen by the public. The announcement was made by BIG's Chief Executive, Peter Wanless, as part of a report reviewing the economic and social impact of initiatives funded by the Millennium Commission. For more information, interested parties are directed to the Millennium Now website.
(Source: Grantfinder newsflash, 13/5/11)

BT Community Connections Awards

The [BT Community Connections](#) scheme has opened for a second 2011 round. The awards scheme is intended to provide voluntary groups and charitable organisations working to benefit the community in the UK with IT equipment and Internet access. Successful applicants to the programme will receive a laptop and a year's free broadband and Internet connection. In particular, the scheme is keen to target areas of deprivation which normally receive little or no funding and would otherwise have no IT provision. The deadline is 15 September 2011.
(Source: WCVA June 2011)

Environment Wales: [Supporting Sustainable Living Grants Scheme](#)

The Supporting Sustainable Living grants scheme, which was launched recently is a newly commissioned grant scheme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. This new scheme will be delivered by Environment Wales, in collaboration with the initiatives' new core partner Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales.

The scheme will support projects that will help reduce Wales' greenhouse gas emissions – or build resilience to the impacts of climate change - through tackling specific behaviours or lifestyle choices.

The value of the scheme is £250,000 and will be made available to all sectors within Wales. It is expected that the majority of grant applications will range between £5,000 and £15,000. However in exceptional circumstances this figure can rise to up to £35,000.

Information about the new scheme will be made available through Environment Wales on 02920 431727 or info@environment-wales.org
(Source: WCVA June 2011)

Want to plant trees?

Free Tree packs from the Woodland Trust

Packs of 125 or 400 native trees are available to give away to community groups. You may be able to use the value of these packs as match funding for grants you apply for.

Applications for packs to plant autumn 2011 will close on 30th September. Packs are free to community groups. If they are over-subscribed the application will be rolled over to spring 2012. Jubilee Woods themed packs will be available in 2012 supporting planting to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Please see [leaflet](#) for more details.

Full details are available [on-line](#) (1) and groups apply using an on-line form:

We have volunteers who will provide advisory support if necessary. The trees are UK provenance but we don't guarantee "local" provenance, because they no longer think that insisting on local provenance is desirable. Please read [our position paper](#) (2) on tree provenance for more background on this.

Funding advice offered for planting on Larger sites

Any group wanting assistance with native tree planting on larger sites (500 trees, or ½ ha plus) should phone our MOREwoods help line on 0845 293 5689 with details, and we can give them [planting advice and details of funding options](#). (Click on the Wales or Cymraeg tab and then [scroll down the page](#) to reveal the Wales specific content)

Any group who would like any other help – advice or financial - with planting new native woodland, please phone our advisory line 0845 293 5689. Excellent grants are now available for new planting in areas greater than a quarter of a hectare.

PLANT! project

The new Wales Government is looking for planting sites for planting a tree for every child born in Wales. They currently have 3 target areas – West Wales, Mid Wales and the North Wales Coastal Strip. There is the potential to fully fund suitable sites. If any group has knowledge of a potential site please contact jerrylangford@woodlandtrust.org.uk. Sites need to be reasonably large (say 5 ha +) and suitable for easy public access. Community or local authority owned sites are preferred.

FreeTree

FreeTree provides local individuals, community groups and schools or other educational establishments with free trees, either broadleaf deciduous or fruit/nut trees to plant in their gardens, community space or woodland.
Visit www.freetree.info

The Glastir Woodland Creation Grant Scheme

The new Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme aims to help to fulfil the commitment to create more native and mixed woodland as set out in Woodlands for Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government's woodland strategy. It is a bespoke element of Glastir, Wales's new sustainable land management scheme and offers grants to landowners, especially farmers, to create new woodlands on their land.

There will be three types of grant available to all landowners in Wales - woodland establishment grants, fencing grants and woodland creation premium grants. The maximum amount available will be £10,000 per hectare over the 15 years of payments. Grants for fencing of £3.15 per metre are provided where required. The grants can support the costs of creating new woodlands as well as 'income foregone payments' for taking land out of agriculture. Any landowner in Wales may apply, regardless of whether they are a farmer or not. Applications may be submitted at any time. www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-6j2gxd.

Llais y Goedwig is a voluntary association of community woodland groups that formed in November 2009 to provide a voice for community woodlands. We want to share experiences, support each other and enhance local woodlands to benefit the people of Wales.

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www.llaisygoedwig.org.uk



Tear off order slip

Just return this slip to Jo at Unit 6 with a cheque payable to "Llais y Goedwig" and we'll send you the merchandise.

Name:

Address:

Group:

	Price	Quantity (and size if applicable)	Total
Annual printed publications subscription	£20		
Climate Change Reader on USB stick	£10		
T-shirt – men's style	£10		
T- shirt- women's style	£10		
<i>Add postage:</i>			
Climate Change Reader	50p		
T – shirt(s)	£2.50		
TOTAL:			