

Llais y Goedwig Working Group Meeting

19th March 2009

Present: Roger Davies (RD - chair), Zena Wilmot (ZW - minutes), Katy Harris (KH), Fay Sharpley (FS), Bob Shaw, Jenny Wong (JW), Kelly Swinhoe (KS)

Apologies: Philip Swain (PS), Steve Wigfall (SW), Roger Bray (RB), Rodney Waterfield (RW), Dave Petty (DP)

<p>1. Minutes of last meeting were approved. Matters arising:</p> <p><i>WSAP representation:</i> JW will attend WSAP meeting until the Llais y Goedwig AGM when there will be a formal nomination of a representative.</p> <p><i>Bank account:</i> Co-op internet banking is being set up. ZW to send RD new address.</p> <p><i>Environment Wales registration:</i> this will be done once the bank account has been set up. Jo Horsely has joined the Coed Lleol steering group.</p> <p>Volunteer time contributions by the steering group need to be quantified for the purpose of match funding. ZW to send the steering group timesheets.</p> <p>Membership advert to be placed in Gwlad (WAG magazine containing the latest news and information about Rural Affairs in Wales)</p> <p>‘Viability Not Liability’ Seminar on 1st May 09 in Caernarfon: RD to check his availability to attend.</p> <p><i>Wales for Africa initiative:</i> JW to circulate relevant document. DFID strategy meeting on the 15th April could be an opportunity to influence the progress of this project.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>ZW</p> <p>ZW</p> <p>ZW</p> <p>RD</p> <p>JW</p>
<p>2. Report and follow up on launch events in Cardiff and Llanwrst</p> <p><i>10th Feb launch event in Cardiff:</i> Good event that achieved the aims. The board of Llais y Goedwig thanked those who took the time to do the BBC Radio Wales and Radio Cymru interviews. ‘Living woods’ published an article about the launch of Llais y Goedwig.</p> <p><i>20th Feb launch event in Llanwrst:</i> Excellent networking event with a high representation from community groups. Attendees made connections and ideas of new projects.</p> <p><i>Follow up:</i> Themes from the Llanwrst workshop should be taken forward (see attached document ‘Open forum discussion’).</p> <p>‘The right trees in the right places’ could be a sub-group involving Adrian from Elwy Working Woods, BS, FS, etc.</p> <p>BS to feedback from next meeting with Tir Coed regarding their involvement in representing small woodland workers. KH to contact Tir Coed to discuss ideas.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>BS KH</p>
<p>3. Invitation to Woodland Strategy launch on 27th March</p> <p>KH, FS, RD and JW to attend with a joint stall for Coed Lleol / Llais y Goedwig</p> <p>KH to take banner and display board and banners.</p> <p>FS could pick up Longwood display if needed. FS to contact PS.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>KH FS</p>
<p>4. Sustainable funding & business plan</p> <p>Use WCVA sustainable funding framework</p> <p>Llais y Goedwig to join WCVA as full members</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>KH</p>

<p>JW to find out more about community banking from Llanrwst event contact.</p> <p>Application for start-up and pre-project grants from Environment Wales. Board of Llais y Goedwig will put together the application with support from KH if needed.</p> <p>Notes for the Business Plan (see attached) were drafted during the meeting. This is to be circulated, uploaded to Phuser and posted to BS.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>Board</p> <p>ZW</p>
<p>5. Forward planning for 2009</p> <p>Summer activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Insurance seminar</i>: run in conjunction with the Smallwoods Association (Phil Tidey) and to be Wales relevant. Possible location Newtown / Welshpool. KH to put plan together and circulate. - <i>Woodfest Wales, St Asaphs</i>: Contact organisers of the event for Llais y Goedwig leaflet distribution. Members of Llais y Goedwig to attend the event, talk to stallholders, etc. 5-7th June - <i>Aberystwyth events</i>: ‘Wildwood’ on the 13th June and Sustainable Land Management on the 11th July. Coed Lleol will publicize and provide contacts. <p>Autumn activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Llais y Goedwig AGM and seminar 2-day event</i>: KH & ZW to put together a plan and circulate. Possible location in Lampeter with visits to Longwood - contact PS. Possible date could be a Fri & Sat during half term (24th – 31st Oct) with kids activities. 	<p>Action</p> <p>KH</p> <p>ZW</p> <p>KH / ZW</p> <p>KH / ZW</p>
<p>6. Communities and Nature (CAN) and other possible project funding opportunities</p> <p>FCW needs to provide Llais y Goedwig board with a formal letter of agreement.</p> <p>KH will be spending one day per week for 6 months on scoping the needs of Community Woodland Groups, funding opportunities and a ‘gap analysis’ of where Llais y Goedwig could become involved. This will not include writing a bid.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>KH</p>
<p>7. Website</p> <p>The separate identity of Llais y Goedwig from Coed Lleol was discussed.</p> <p>The working group to send comment to ZW.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ZW</p>
<p>8. Research proposal for work on tenure and woodland assets in community</p> <p>JW presented research proposal – document to be circulated.</p> <p>The board agreed that this would be a useful piece of research and that it should be taken forward.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JW</p>
<p>9. Wales contribution to study by Forest Research on community woodland groups</p> <p>ZW presented the research plan for a baseline study of community woodlands in Wales commissioned by Forest Research. This report will complement studies undertaken in Scotland and England to inform a seminar to be held later in the year.</p> <p>The board agreed that ZW and KH should take it forward so long as it is not detrimental to future Llais y Goedwig research activities (eg. Point 8). Report to be compiled and circulated to working group for comment.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>ZW / KH</p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>Invite Richard Davies to the next Llais y Goedwig working group meeting</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>KH</p>
<p>11. Date of Next meeting – Tuesday 12th May @ Owain Glyndŵr in Machynlleth</p>	