

**Woodland Management & Planning Course**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010,**  
**Castlemilk Stables, Glasgow**

## **Final Report**

### **Introduction**

This is the final report produced by the Community Woodlands Association for the Woodland Management Course held at The Castlemilk Stables workshop on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010. The course was reasonably well received with 9 people attending. The course was hosted by The Community Woodlands Association in association with Castlemilk Community Trust. The course was led by Donald McPhillimy Associates Ltd.

### **Key learning points**

- Need for an accurate map
- Prioritise your objectives
- General description is office based, combined with an on-site survey
- Define compartments in the woods and describe them according to the template
- Make a 5 year plan

### **Short summary of each presentation**

Four steps to good woodland management.

Step 1- an accurate map: Should be current and have references

Step 2- clear objectives: Have a list of products and services the woods can provide and note these down in order of priority.

Step 3- survey and description. General description should include the ownership, with name, contact details, land unit and total woodland and location should have grid references and location details. Climate, soils, topography, access, historical details should also be considered

Step 4- proposals. Consider a 'vision' for the future of whole woodland. Look at 5 year plan taking into account urgency, costs and incomes and timetable.

### **Event programme**

Synopsis This course gives an introduction to aspects of good woodland management including establishment, silviculture and regeneration.

Course Objectives By the end of this course, trainees will:

- Be able to walk into any woodland anywhere and begin to understand what makes it tick
- Be able to put together a simple management plan
- Understand how to move a woodland forward, through management, to a better condition, more able to provide multiple benefits

## Programme

9.00 Introductions, tea & coffee

9.30 Reasons for and structure of Management Plans (classroom session)

11.30 Visit a simple conifer stand, then a simple hardwood stand and use checklists to gather essential information

1.00 Lunch

1.30 Visit a more complex mixed stand, trainees working in teams, gather the information

2.30 Work on Management Plans in annotated map form

4.00 Present Management Plans and review

4.30 Surgery on individual woods (if time available)

5.00 Evaluation & depart

## List of delegates

Forename	Surname	Organisation
Mo	Clark	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Health Initiative
Alison	Spence	Friends of Langland Moss (east kilbride)
Abi	Boyd	South Lanarkshire Ranger Service
Joanna	Birkin	South Lanarkshire Ranger Service
Louisa	Hancock	South Lanarkshire Ranger Service
Kerry	Thomson	South Lanarkshire Ranger Service
Jim	McHugh	The Organic Growers of Bothwell
John	Paterson	Community Woodlands Enterprise
James Macdonald	Turner	Comrie Development Trust

## Summary of feedback (only 6 completed)

	CWA	Web	My group	FCS	RFS	Friend	TTN	TPIF
How did you hear about this event	2	2	2					

	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	V Good			
Location				3	3			
Organisation			2	2	2			
Catering					6			
Facilities				2	4			

	Yes	Partly	No
Did the event deliver your expectations	6		

## Explained NO's / Partly

## Why did you take part?

Keen to improve myself and add value to our woodland group

To learn to put together a woodland management plan

Recently established community woodland

Starting to write a management plan

Network with others

**What benefits were gained?**

Good Knowledge "food for thought"

How to spot useful detail within the woodland

Practical Knowledge

Being given a starting point

Technical Knowledge

Good Knowledge & Improved understanding – able to pass this on to group

**What will you do with the experience?**

Show and tell other group members

Take the information to other woodland groups

Develop a plan for the woodland

Draw up a plan and make a start

<b>Recommend a course to others</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>(depends on interest)</b>
	6		

**YES: Why do you think it would be beneficial?**

Provides a step by step plan

The course gave useful and practical advice

To give the group a vision

Important source of knowledge

**What would you like to see the CWA do next in relation to these issues?**

Advice on grants / funding would be a great help

Coppicing workshop

Tips on how to gain grants and funding

More detailed training on this subject

Tree nursery / tree planting workshop

### Other comments

It was a great pity that there was no interest from the Castlemilk Group in attending the event. This had not been evident prior to the event taking place. CWA were led to believe that the Castlemilk group was likely to send 3 people to the training in the hope of developing their community woodland plan.

### Attendees Information

male	female	16-25	26-40	40-60
3	6		6	2
61+	White	British	Scottish	American
1	9			

### Photographs

No photographs were taken during this event.

### Any other information relevant to the topic

none