



Green Aspirations Scotland



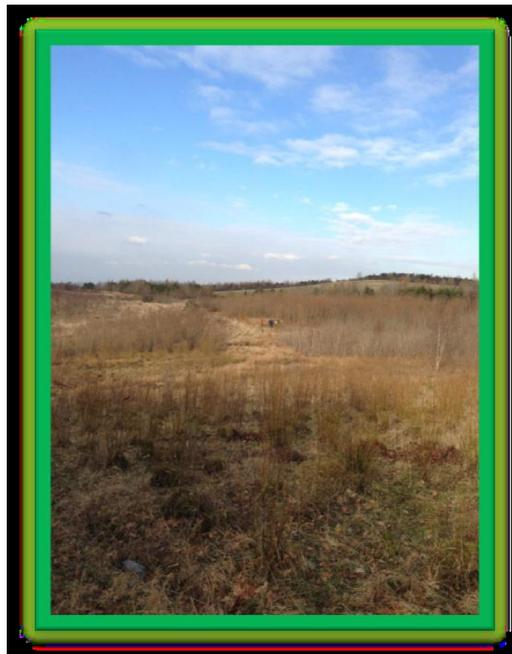
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Coppice Management - Practical Workshop February 2013

Introduction

Green Aspirations Scotland CIC (GrAsp CIC) is a social enterprise based in woodland at the edge of Loch Lomond & The Trossach's National park. We provide workshops, training and experiences in woodland crafts and practices.

A common point of discussion and training requirement on the CWA forum was the practise of managing woodland using coppicing techniques. As GrAsp has a long history with coppice sites, we were asked to run this workshop at Glasgow City Council's coppice site in Carmunnock, Glasgow. There is the largest variety of willow on one site in Scotland but has serious management issues so a perfect example of what to do and what not to do!



Coppice Management Practical Workshop

The following topics were covered:

- Historical context
- Biodiversity
- Safe use of hand tools
- Demonstration and hands on experience of coppice cutting
- Layering and planting willow
- Discussion of willow uses



A large section of willow was coppiced using the different tools and techniques discussed on the day. Tools used included loppers, bill hooks, secateurs and hand saws. Work on site included coppicing, layering and planting. Unfortunately the quality of willow was poor so the opportunity to take some home was limited. Lunch and teas/coffees were provided on site.



Comments

Well organised, nice people

Enjoyed the day, very good catering

An excellent intro to willow coppicing- would like to sponsor an event for Woods for All

Catering was excellent gluten free bread would have been a bonus

Had a great time thanks

Excellent thanks!

I received lots of information about maintaining and regenerating the willow in the nursery garden in Wallace Cluster Stirling

Expected hands on willow manufacturing/ weaving



Green Aspirations Scotland is available to run workshops at your woodland, contact us for more info.

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