



Between the Trees - Wild Woodland Products as a resource for Community Woodlands: online training event, 12 March 2021, 11.00 – 12.30

Introduction

This training event was one of a series organised by the Community Woodlands Association between January and March 2021. The event was co-hosted by [Llais y Goedwig](#), the voice of community woodlands in Wales. Due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions the event was held online via Zoom; 29 delegates registered to attend.

Agenda

11.00am: The origins of Dewis Gwyllt: Fairwild and Startree. Introduction to the Wild Larder competition.

11.15am: Product Focus: birch tapping – sap to syrup and beyond.

11.25am: Product Focus: Seed collection trials and resources.

11.35am: What's next for Dewis Gwyllt: elderflower, essential oils, teas?

11.45am: Open discussion and questions: wild products from Scottish community woodlands. Wild Larder Competition results and winner.

Event report

Maria Wilding from Llais Y Goedwig and Lucy, Jenny, and Brian from the [Dewis Gwyllt](#) (Choose Wild) project described the origins, objectives and work of this non-wood forest product project, which is developing and testing supply chains and products from the community woodlands of Wales. They also challenged delegates to find products in their cupboards that are wild and local: the winner received a sample of 2020 vintage birch syrup from Wales.

Presentations covered wild woodland products internationally and FairWild certification and the Star-tree project nationally. There was a specific focus on their research and product development with birch tapping and tree seed collection and marketing and a round-up of their plans for the second half of the project, potentially including elderflower, essential oils and teas.

The event concluded with an open question and discussion session looking at what wild products Scottish community woodlands can or could produce.

Presentations

Main presentation: <https://youtu.be/bkPPwnQNkG0>

Birch tapping film: <https://youtu.be/DDKphy-ifjl>

Tree seed collection presentation: <https://youtu.be/gkAUg-XFTfc>

Registered delegates	Organisation (where known)
Maria Wilding	Llais y Goedwig
Lucy Kew	Dewis Gwyllt
Jenny Wong	Dewis Gwyllt
Brian Dickinson	Dewis Gwyllt
Amanda Calvert	CWA
Darren Lewis	Dare Valley Community Woodland
John McVey	
Tammi Dallaston	Gelli Deg Dyfi, Machynlleth
Chris Collins	
Amy Palmer	Stoneheap Wood
Chris Goodman	Lochinver
Kat Goodman	Lochinver
Elsbeth Coutts	West Stormont Woodland Group
Robert Sproul-Cran	Strathspey
Lesley Kilbride	Applecross Community Company
Amanda Dempsey	
Megan MacInnes	Applecross Community Company
Ros Wardman	Scottish Forestry
Jason Hubert	Scottish Forestry
Lisa Laurie	
Polly MacInnes	Sleat Community Trust
Henrik Micski	Sleat Renewables Ltd
Jim Ralph	Natural Resources Wales
Andrea Fisher	The Children's Wood, Glasgow
Tim Peters	Llyn Parc Mawr Community Woodland
Jayne Garland	Caerphilly Woodlands Trust
Augusta Lewis	
Niamh Connor	Candlefield Community Woodland
Sam Guthrie	Eshiels Community Woodland



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