

Woodland Strategy Advisory Panel

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<p>Nigel Ajax-Lewis MBE</p>	<p>I am the Senior Conservation Officer - Wildlife Trust for South & West Wales, where I have particular responsibilities for biodiversity issues concerning the whole Trust. I have held the post of Conservation Manager for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalist Trust. Also a similar post with Gwent County Council. I am a past Chairman of the British Association for Nature Conservationists.</p> <p>I received an MBE for service to nature conservation in South & West Wales in June 2005.</p>
<p>Roger Cooper Chairman</p>	<p>I have worked in the forestry sector for 40 years. I started my career in New Zealand where I worked as an economist for the New Zealand Forest Service. In 1972 I moved to the School of Agricultural and Forest Sciences at the University of Wales, Bangor where I worked until I retired in 2004. I was Head of School from 1997-2004. My teaching and research interests include forest products marketing and economics, international trade in forest products and UK and European forest policy. In 2005 I co-ordinated the establishment of the Leadership Group of the Wales Forest Business Partnership and currently serve as a member. I chair the Interpretation Panel of UKWAS.</p>
<p>Oliver Combe</p>	<p>I work for BSW Timber as a "purchasing and supply manager" this involves purchasing over 300,000 tonnes per year of sawlogs for BSW's two sawmills in Wales at Newbridge on Wye and Senghenydd, I also co-ordinate co-products sales for the two sawmills to a variety of markets. I am a member of the FC/Private woodlands liaison committee.</p> <p>I have worked for BSW for 10 years having started as a management trainee, prior to this I worked for as a forestry and harvesting contractor for BSW harvesting / Shotton forest management and then managed a Christmas tree farm.</p> <p>I have an HND in Forestry and a degree in Geography. I have particular interests in commercial timber production, Silviculture, wildlife management and Christmas tree production. I am a keen advocate of the role of commercial conifer forestry in sustainable development.</p>
<p>Dr John Edington</p>	<p>I have held posts as a Lecturer in Zoology, Senior Lecturer in Zoology and Director of Environmental Studies at University College Cardiff; I am now a Part time Tutor on environmental issues, at Cardiff University Centre for Lifelong Learning.</p> <p>I have served on various Nature Conservancy Council Committees, Brecon Beacons Park Authority, Glamorgan Naturalists' Trust and the Wildfowl Trust.</p>
<p>David V Edwards</p>	<p>I am a Chartered Forester and have been District Manager for Tilhill Forestry Ltd in South Wales since 2003 and have more than 25 years experience throughout Great Britain. I have an Honours Degree in Forestry from Aberdeen University and am a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF). I am a passed Chairman of ICF in Wales and currently sit on the national Council. I am Chairman of the Advisory Group of the Welsh Forest Business Partnership, and member of both the Better Woodlands for Wales Stakeholder Group, and Welsh Timber Transport Group.</p> <p>As someone who derives their living from Forestry I have a keen interest in the industries commercial success and recognise the additional benefits that well managed woodland can offer to society as a whole.</p>

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<p>Helena Fox</p>	<p>I am a Consultant in Education for Sustainable Development; previously I was Senior Manager in Social Enterprise / Community & Education at Groundwork Caerphilly. My main interest lies in education issues and the benefits of the outdoors as a setting for learning. I have worked as an environmental educator for nine years. I chair the Woodlands for Learning Forum, which reports to WSAP. I sit on the WAG's Foundation Phase Project Board.</p>
<p>Rory Francis</p>	<p>I am Public Affairs Officer for Coed Cadw (The Woodland Trust in Wales). Previously I have worked with Cymdeithas Eryri (The Snowdonia Society) & Friends of the Earth Cymru. I am a Trustee of Wales Environment Link & Menter Y Moelwyn. I am also Governor of Ysgol Tanygrisiau.</p>
<p>Dr Alun Gee</p>	<p>I spent the last 20 years of my career in a variety of Executive Manager posts in the Water Authority, National Rivers Authority and the Environment Agency. Roles included Water Manager, Strategy Manager and Acting Director for EA Wales. I have been a member of many forestry related committees, some at the GB/UK level, the Environment Sub-Committee of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee, the Forestry Research Co-ordinating Committee, the Inter-governmental Group on Energy Crops (IGEC) and its R&D sub-group. In Wales, I was a member of the Forestry Commission Advisory Committee for Wales (FCACW) for 4 years.</p>
<p>Sue Gittins</p>	<p>I was Deputy Director for Wales of the Ramblers' Association, during which time I developed walking for health and walking festival initiatives. I was a member of Wales Assembly Government Walking and Cycling Strategy Working Group. I have spent 9 years as an appointed member of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and during the same period represented all National Parks on the Executive of the Council for National Parks. I was also a member of the Brecknock Farming Forestry and Wildlife Group.</p>
<p>David Jenkins MBE</p>	<p>I am currently the Director of Coed Cymru, and previously enjoyed a successful career in water management, specialising in the regulation and enhancement of fisheries, habitat restoration and pollution control. Since joining Coed Cymru I have broadened its remit to include timber products and wood fuels. I have over 30-year's experience of forestry and natural resource management. I have interests in the forestry industry and environmental issues.</p>
<p>John Lloyd Jones OBE</p>	<p>I am a farmer/landowner in Gwynedd. I was first appointed as Chair of the Countryside Council for Wales in 2000 and I am also a member of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. I am a former member of various Committees and Boards, including UK Round Table on Sustainable Development, Chairman of the Forestry Commission Advisory Committee for Wales, Chairman of the Beef and Lamb Working Group of the Welsh Food Strategy, Chairman of the NFU (1993-1998), Chairman of the NFU Parliamentary, Land Use and Environment Committee for England and Wales, Member of Snowdonia National Park, The Welsh Environment Protection Advisory Committee and also the Welsh Committee of the National Trust</p>
<p>Tim Kirk</p>	<p>My previous position was Forest and Land Acquisitions Manager – at Tilhill Forestry, Bala. I am Chairman of Confederation of Forest Industries – Wales; I have also sat on a number of committees including Wales Timber Transport, CCW Land agents/Farmers Union Liaison Committee, and FC/ Private Woodlands Liaison Committee. My interests in the countryside extend to farming/land use & forestry. In particular the wider land uses especially conservation work. I own two woods in Wales, which occupy much of my spare time.</p>

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Bernard Llewellyn	My family farms a 200 acre hill farm at Carreg Cennen Castle, East Carmarthenshire, within the Brecon Beacons National Park. 50 acres is within an SSSI. I am currently Chairman of NFU Cymru's Rural Affairs Board. I represent Carmarthenshire NFU on the Brecon Beacons Liaison Committee and NFU Cymru on Brecon Beacons National Park Land Management Advisory Group. I am a member of the RSPB's Welsh Council. I represent UK Agriculture on the European Commission Advisory Group on Agriculture and the Environment.
Kath McNulty	I am currently ConFor's National Manager for Wales. I previously worked for Forestry Commission Wales advising on community engagement and managing a project restoring ancient woodland. I am passionate about quality home grown timber and the increasing role forestry needs to play in a world rapidly running out of oil.
Hilary Miller	My current role is Senior Land Use Policy Officer - Countryside Council for Wales. In my work with CCW I have maintained an active role in wider rural land use issues, including agriculture and rural development and I believe that woodland and forestry still needs to be better integrated with other land management. I have experience in producing policy documents, commissioning and managing research projects, analysing problems, seeking solutions and providing practical advice.
Philippe Morgan	My experience of forest management is wide ranging from management of extensive conifer plantations to farm woodlands across a wide geographical area in Wales. I have worked in the industrial sector for Shotton Paper plc, in the forest management sector for Tilhill and now as an SME and with a trading co-operative, Sustainable Forest Management and SelectFor. I am currently working on expanding the network of Research stands of the Association Futaie Irrégulière (AFI) across Europe.
Prof. Colin Price	I am Professor of Environmental and Forestry Economics at the School of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, University of Wales, Bangor. This title indicates my main area of research and teaching commitment. I also teach and research landscape design and countryside recreation.
Celia Thomas	I now run a farm, producing beef from a small herd of Dexter cattle. With a degree in Botany and Zoology, which led to my interest in woodland matters, I got involved in practical woodland management with the local Wildlife Trust, before spending a few years with the Countryside Council for Wales, renotifying SSSI sites. Following this I trained as a science teacher and after teaching for a couple of years, I took up my current post as Woodland Officer with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority in 1992. I am committed to and working to achieve a vibrant countryside that both delivers a sustainable way of life for country folk and one that supports the diversity of wildlife we value as part of our heritage.
Bob Vaughan	I currently work with Environment Agency Wales. I have worked within the water industry and environmental sector for 23 years. During this time I have held a number of senior management posts. These have provided experience of strategic and long term planning, negotiation, networking, policy decisions and development. This has been done in both Wales and across the UK. Currently I chair The Wales working group on Sustainable Drainage; I am also a member of Coed Cymru Partnership.

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Dr Jenny Wong	(BSc, MSc, PhD) is a Director of Wild Resources Limited. She has worked in tropical forestry specialising in inventory since 1988. Over the past ten years her work has broadened to include inventory of all wild products derived from forests and European forest policy. She has a mix of field and academic experience and is uniquely placed to bridge the gap between research and practice. She holds an honorary Lectureship at the School of Environment and Natural Resources, Bangor University.
Bryan Edwards (Observer)	Head of Business Support for Mid Wales Region Department for the Economy and Transport Welsh Assembly Government