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Wales PAWS Conference

9.30 for Coffee, 10am- 4pm October 13th 2016,
Royal Welsh Showground, Llanelwedd, Mid Wales

The Woodland Trust is hosting an open discussion and debate with practitioners and policy makers on restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) in Wales. The meeting is open to everyone involved in the management and restoration of PAWS in Wales. It is free to attend and lunch will be provided.

9.30-10am Registration, Case study displays, tea and coffee

10am – 1pm Key Speakers - Perspectives from across the sector

Session 1: The Big Picture - PAWS Policy in Wales. What is it and how is it working? Gradual restoration, why is it preferred and is it practical on most sites? Multiple objective forestry – a vision.

Chair: Shireen Chambers, CEO Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF),

Speakers: Becky Speight, CEO, Woodland Trust (Video Message), WG Speaker TBC, Welsh Government Policy on PAWS, Michelle van Velzen, Forest Strategy Team Leader, NRW, Christine Reid, Head of Conservation, Woodland Trust

Questions to the panel of speakers.

Session 2: Reality on the Ground

Perspectives and case studies from managers and owners. Findings from recent reviews and related research.

Speakers: Gabriel Hemery, Executive Director, Sylva Foundation, PAWS Survey 2014, Forest managers and owners: Phil Morgan, Dai Jones, Andrew Bronwin and others present case studies of their work on PAWS sites, their successes and the challenges they face.

1.15pm-2.00 Forest lunch provided

2pm- 4pm Afternoon: Workshop - Session 3: What needs to change?

Key barriers to restoration; Where is restoration a priority?; Lack of woodland management grants and how to facilitate restoration; Incentives and training needs; Other priority actions. **Group Discussions and Plenary**

Participants

Forestry sector professionals; woodland owners; environmental professionals with a forestry focus or a landscape approach to biodiversity & connectivity, forestry students. Booking is essential as numbers are limited.

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