Introduction to Owen Davies, New Wales Co-ordinator

Owen’s interest in CCF started when, as a Forestry student at Bangor University, he spent his sandwich year with Forest Research in Scotland working on alternative silvicultural systems in conifer stands. After graduating, he stayed at Bangor to carry out a PhD as part of a growth modelling project for irregular stands, and later to work in a silvicultural training programme.

After working as a harvesting contract manager for Forestry Commission Wales, Owen returned to Forest Research for a brief stint as a silviculturist at the Northern Research Station, where one of his main outputs was a report on the costs and revenues of transformation to CCF. This report compared clearfelling and three different transformation scenarios for Sitka spruce stands, bringing together the best available objective information from modelling of growth and yield and work study of operations.

Back in Wales, Owen worked in forest planning and plant health for the Forestry Commission until, in 2013, he left to take up his current position with FSC UK. He now represents the Forest Stewardship Council in the process to revise the UK Woodland Assurance Standard.

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