

CONTINUOUS COVER FORESTRY COURSE INFORMATION

THE COURSE

COURSE TITLE:	Continuous Cover Forestry
COURSE TUTOR:	Dr Jens-Uwe Haufe, MICFor
DATE OF DELIVERY:	3 rd & 4 th October 2018
LOCATION OF THE COURSE:	Ruthin, North Wales
COURSE COSTS:	max £300 (cost dependent upon final numbers)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The training course will give a general introduction to the principles of CCF. Indoor sessions will cover underlying ecological principles, thinning, stand stability and transformation methods. Clocaenog forest boasts about 2000ha under CCF management and provides the perfect location to experience various stages of transformation from even-aged monoculture to diversely structured CCF systems. The local Forest Manager, who has been instrumental in the transformation of Clocaenog forest to CCF from the beginning, will accompany us on extensive site visits where examples of CCF are shown and discussed. Practical exercises include thinning, site assessment and development of management plans.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course you will be able to:

- explain the principles of CCF management;
- assess the potential for transformation to CCF on any given site;
- design suitable thinning strategies to improve stand stability with regard to wind damage;
- choose appropriate transformation methods and design forest operations accordingly.

CONSIDERATIONS WE SHOULD MAKE PARTICIPANTS AWARE OF:

Both afternoons will be spent on field visits in the forest. There will be no toilet facilities available during that time. Transport between field visit stops by car. Walking distances are generally short but up to 1.5miles on one occasion. Walking will include rough ground. Suitable footwear and weather-proof clothing are essential, eye protection is advisable. **There will be midges!**

RECOMMENDED PRE-COURSE READING:

“Silvicultural Principles of Continuous Cover Forestry. A Guide to Best Practice.” This will be provided as course handout but pre-course reading would be beneficial to participants.