OCN SUSTAINABLE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT (LEVEL 3)

Course number: 1126

Tutor(s): Ben Law

Date(s): Mon 7th –Fri 11th November 2011

Price for participants: Non-residential £360 Residential £438

TIMES:

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Start time:	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30	09:30
Finish time :	16:30	16:30	16:30	17:30	15:30

COURSE CONTENT:

The learning outcomes for this course are that the learner should:

- Understand the principles of woodland sustainability.
- Know how to categorise different woodland types.
- Understand the structure of woodlands.
- Understand methods of woodland management.
- Be able to undertake woodland management.
- Understand timber processing.
- Be able to use woodland craft skills.
- Understand timber production.
- Understand how to promote biodiversity in woodland.
- Understand woodland law and management.
- Understand social forestry and the value of community support.

AIMS:

By the end of the course participants should be able to:

- Produce three items that demonstrate a range of woodland craft skills.
- Explain how wood fuel charcoal and timber are produced.
- Undertake a woodland survey.
- Undertake a method of management to promote wildlife diversity.
- Explain
  - Woodland protection in law
  - Wildlife species protection in law
  - Insurance requirements
  - Felling licence requirements
  - Woodland management plans
  - Woodland grants
- Explain the concept of social forestry and give an example.
- Explain the value of local community support and discuss methods of raising awareness and involvement.

TIMETABLE: (this may be subject to minor adjustment but the content will be the same)

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Day One:

Content:	Delivery method	Time (hours)
Sustainability wide context and woodland specific, timber miles etc	discussion	1
Woodland types, national classification, ancient, indicator plants	woodland walk	2
Woodland structure, layers	woodland walk	1
woodland assessment, maps, history, observation	tutorial	½
woodland assessment	practical, feedback, discussion	1 ½

Day Two:

Content:	Delivery method	Time (hours)
Methods of woodland management	tutorial/site visit	2
Practical sustainable woodland management	practical demonstration and instruction	4

Day Three:

Content:	Delivery method	Time (hours)
Woodland bio-diversity, surveys, records, management to improve	tutorial, woodland walk	3
Woodland law, felling licences, grants, planning, public access, contracts etc	tutorial discussion	2
Woodland pests, sustainable methods of control	tutorial, observation	1

Day Four:

Content:	Delivery method	Time (hours)
Adding value to woodland produce	discussion in wood and mobile sawmill demo	2
Craftwork basics, cleaving, weaving , basic products	practical	5

Day Five:

Content:	Delivery method	Time (hours)
Community/social forestry	tutorial/discussion	1
Non-timber woodland produce, value of environment	tutorial	1 ½
Mushroom log inoculation	practical demonstration and instruction	1 ½
feedback, questions and answers, close	discussion	1

After the course students will have two weeks to complete their OCN student pack, which is based on the course and will be distributed at the start. They will then be required to send in the pack for assessment and verification. The OCN certificate will be awarded based on assessment of work during the course and the completed pack.

ABOUT THE TUTOR:

Ben Law lives and works at Prickly Nut Woods in West Sussex, where apart from making a living from coppicing, he trains apprentices and runs courses on sustainable woodland management, eco-building and permaculture design.

He is author of *The Woodland Way, a permaculture approach to sustainable woodland management* and *The Woodland House,* which charts the building of his unique cruck framed home in the woods. The building of his house was filmed for Channel 4's *Grand Designs* programme and proved to be the most popular program of the series. Ben now runs occasional open days in response to the popular demand.

Ben's third book *The Woodland Year*, was published on September the 12th 2008 and is now available.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING/WEAR:

Clothing for indoors and out, including warm work clothes, sturdy, comfortable footwear and a waterproof coat.

It would be useful for students to bring their own pen and notebook and a clipboard.

Lunch will be provided by the Beech Café at the Sustainability Centre

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HOME:

The OCN student pack
A back issue of the '*Permaculture Magazine'*
And on completion of the student pack, a certificate provided by the Open College Network

There will also be an opportunity to purchase selected books from '*Permanent Publications'* at a discount price

READING LIST:

The Woodland Way, a permaculture approach to sustainable woodland management –Ben Law
The Woodland Year –Ben Law

It is not a pre-requisite of the course to read these books, but they are suggested for the participant's interest.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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