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We are a community run social enterprise aiming to secure the 700 acre Aigas Forest as a legacy from this generation to the next and hopefully to the many after that. In 100 years time the residents of our community, who can all see the forest from their homes, will be looking out on a massively different woodland. A woodland balanced between native species and commercial planting, criss-crossed with paths providing easy and enjoyable access, home to a wide diversity of wildlife and producing an income not just to reinvest in the forest but also to support other activity in the glen.

This is our ambition and we hope you can share it with us. Please consider supporting our cause by becoming a Company Member.

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Join Us!

Become a Company Member and have your say in the future of Aigas Forest.

A productive, working forest providing measurable social, economic and environmental benefits for local residents and visitors alike.

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AIGAS COMMUNITY FOREST

Coille Coimhearsnachd Aigeis

Why Join? What is a Company Member?

Aigas Community Forest has been established as a Company Limited by Guarantee. In order to meet various statutory requirements we were required to define our community boundary and after consultation we selected the following postcodes:

IV4 7AD, IV4 7AE, IV4 7AF, IV4 7JJ, IV4 7JL, IV4 7JN, IV4 7AG, IV4 7AQ, IV4 7EY, IV4 7JP and IV4 7JR.

The majority of residents either live adjacent to the Forest or can see it from their home.

Company members are a bit like shareholders but with no financial stake or risk in the company.

If you live within the community boundary you can join our company and as an 'Ordinary Member' you will have full voting rights and a direct influence over the election of directors, or you can stand as a director yourself and take a hands on role in the future of the Forest.

If you are not ordinarily resident in the community you can become an 'Associate Member'. You won't have voting rights but you can still attend the AGM and be heard. The constitution also allows for up to 3 Associate Members to be co-opted onto the board at any one time.

We also have a 'Junior Member' category for those individuals aged 12 – 17 who want to be a part of Aigas Community Forest. Junior Members cannot vote or be Board members.

Members are required to confirm their membership once a year on the anniversary of the date they first joined. We currently do not charge a subscription but encourage you to make a donation to our general fund.

If we are successful in securing the Forest we will start holding Annual General Meetings from June 2011. At each AGM, ordinary members will be asked to vote on a third of the directors. Any ordinary member will have the option to stand for the board and of course the chance to remove directors from the board. This puts control of the company and the way the Forest is managed directly in the hands of the Community. If you don't like the way things are going, or think you could do a better job, then once a year you will have the chance to take a hands-on role.

Please take the opportunity to become a company member and exercise your right to direct the future of Aigas Forest.



You can join on-line at www.aigasforest.org.uk or complete the form below and post to Andrew Leaver, North View, Crask of Aigas, Beaully IV4 7AD.

I wish to apply to become a Company Member of Aigas Community Forest

Title

First Name

Surname

Address

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Postcode

Telephone

E-mail

Category of Membership (tick one)

Ordinary Associate Junior

Please keep me updated by
e-mail and / or post

I understand that my details (as above) will be held on the Aigas Community Forest membership database and that these details will not be disclosed to any third party.

Signed

Date

We currently do not charge a subscription but encourage you to make a donation to our general fund. Cheques enclosed with this form should be made payable to 'Aigas Community Forest' or go to www.aigasforest.org.uk and give securely online.

If you enclose a cheque and are a UK taxpayer please tick and complete this Gift Aid Declaration which allows us to reclaim tax paid on your donation.

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