

Community Assembly on the Climate

Bro Ffestiniog

Report 2



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Cynulliad 2 Bro Ffestiniog took place on 19th and 20th October 2022
in the Neuadd in Llan Ffestiniog



We held a zoom catch up session on Saturday 5th November for
a few of the members that were unable to attend

Session 1

During the in person assembly, we had an imagining/future forecasting session where assembly members took time to think about some images and ideas of how the future could look in Bro Ffestiniog - if everything that could have been done was done. We did something similar on the zoom session.



Here is some of the script that we used to try to help us get our imaginations going:

However you do it, I invite you now to imagine a future Bro Ffestiniog in something like the year 2040, where we have done everything we can to reduce climate change and to adapt to its effects.

What would you love to see?... How would you like it to be different to 2022?

Perhaps think of the buildings - What are houses like? What about public buildings? Businesses?

Food - what sort of food is there to eat? Where does it come from? How is it produced?

Where do you get your clothes?

Community - do we look after each other? How do we do that?

From up at Stwlan dam, what's changed?

Along the High Street in Blaenau or Penrhyn, what's different?

What's happened in the Quarries?

How do you get around?

What do people do? Is work different?

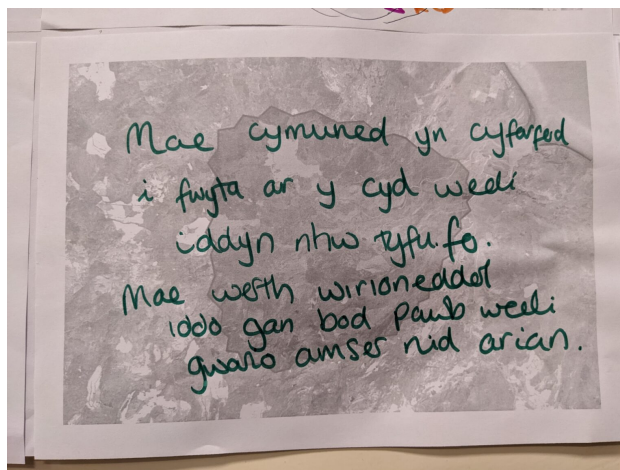
What about education, where do children learn, what are children learning?

What about holidays and tourism? Are there lots of people about?

What about insects, birds, animals and plants... Can you see them? Is our relationship with them different?

What about inequalities - Is Bro Ffestiniog a fairer place to live and work? If so, how so?

Here is a type up of all of the visions:



If everything that could have been done, had been done, what could/would that look like? (remember - these are individual, personal visions/priorities and are not group decisions!)

There are more public growing spaces, more information on community spaces and education of seasonal locally grown produce

Empty spaces and buildings have been renovated to benefit the community: B&B, hostels, shops for local producers, more community growing projects, wild flower spaces

Energy for ALL - Hydro, Solar, Tidal, Nuke??

High street - repair cafe - fixing with you, a local pound, bike repair/cafe, a hub for energy charging bikes

Tourists visit to take part in volunteer opportunities and rich cultural experiences delivered by local people

A community meets to eat together after they have grown the food. It has real value as everyone has used their time not money.

Propagate and share - resources and skills

Local markets, practical nature skills, locally grown food, circular economy, quality jobs, Community owned energy production, decreased reliance on cars, cycling

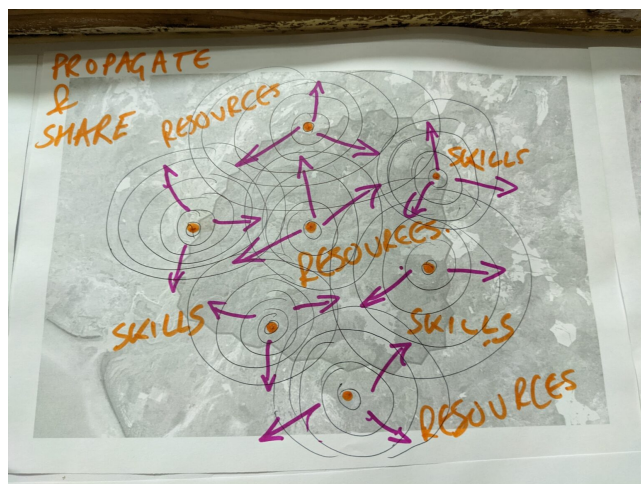
The children of our community are fed produce grown on the same soil they are raised on

Energy produced locally supplying the local community - the same as energy and the ability of people to serve the local community

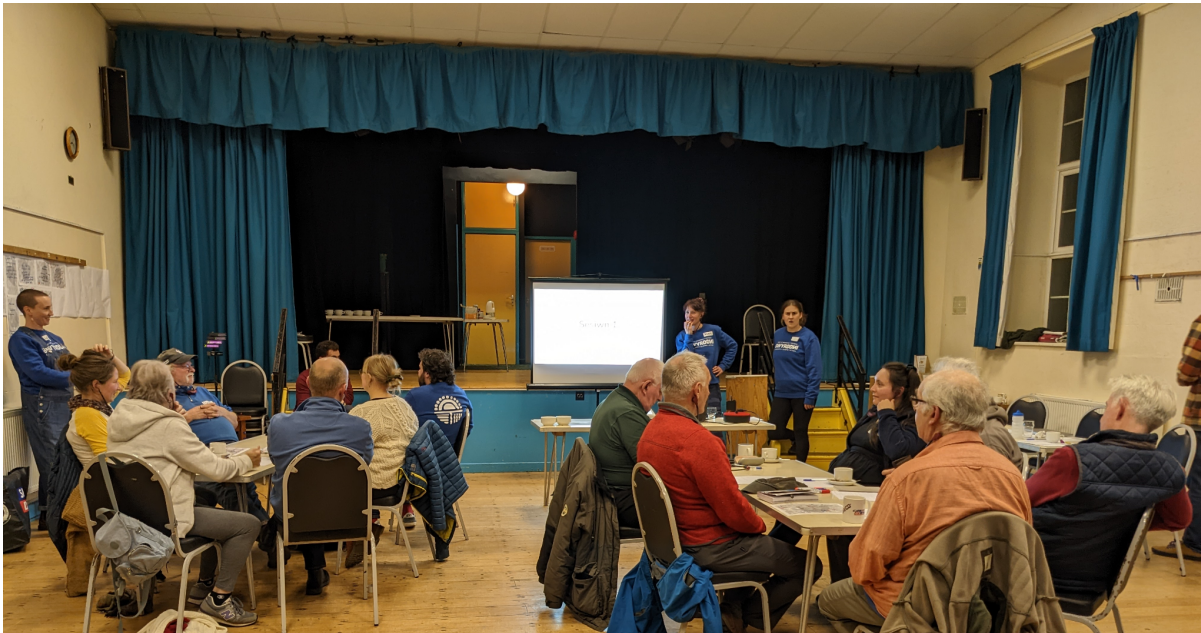
Products and services have the 'true cost' to climate 'baked in' (so we move to low energy and local supply)

Many community green spaces to enjoy nature and grow vegetables, fruit and flowers

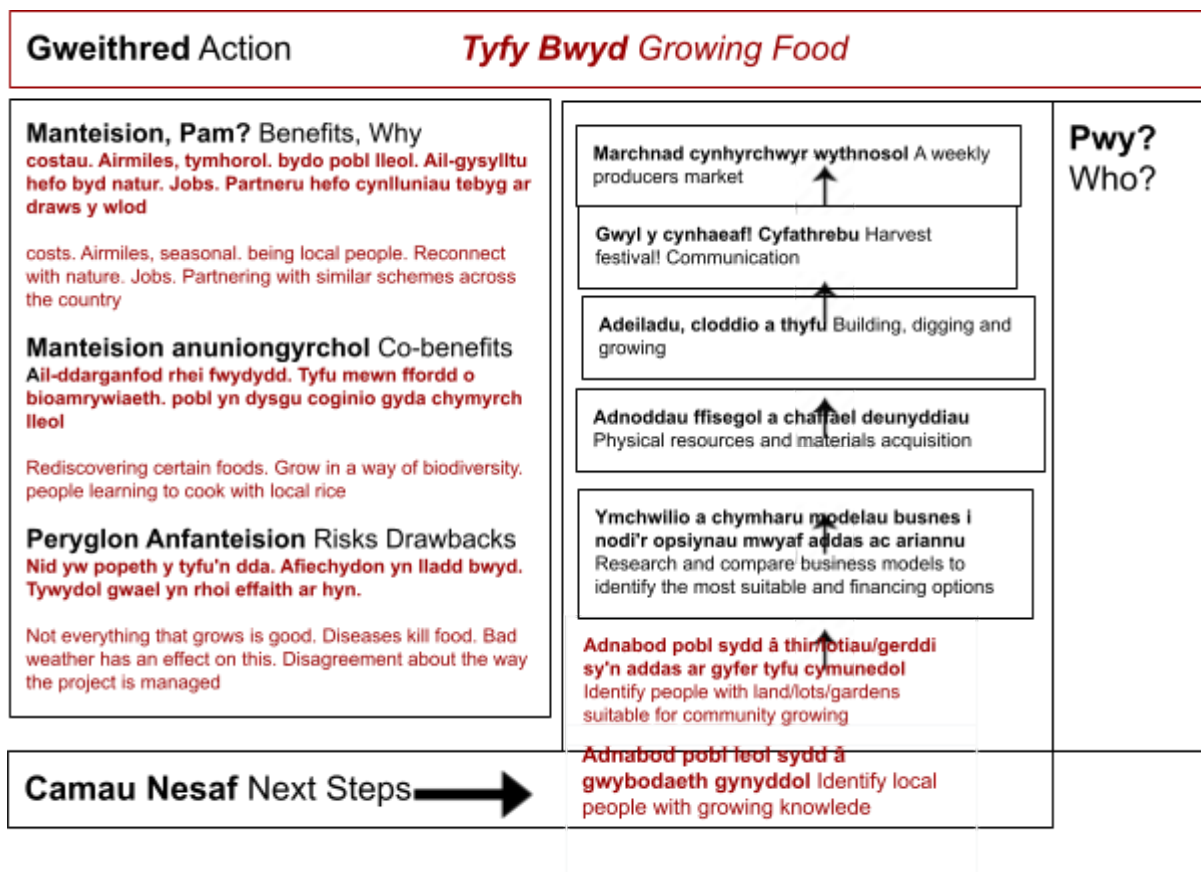
<i>All invasive fauna is removed</i>
<i>Work and businesses with a purpose that serve the community and not capital</i>
<i>We have Created Local Community Connections - places that self fund! Social centres, ancient wisdom, shared space on street - composting/growing, Ceilidhs - sharing cultural music, building together share skills DiY - knitting - spinning fibre from plants</i>
<i>Community Energy (not for profit) - helping employment and education, cheap energy, renewable, community, sustainable living, health, climate, transport</i>
<i>We have lobbied the national park/Cadw to relax building rules, to increase double glazing, wind turbines, solar panels. More local produce</i>
<i>The community is well connected and people know what is going on around them</i>
<i>Our community is investing in their own local assets - capitalise on our vast natural assets! High tech future combined with ancient wisdom</i>
<i>There is A local bank</i>
<i>There is Local and community education with an international vision</i>
<i>Fruits for free. Planting more fruit trees, swapping seeds</i>
<i>Affordable Locally grown and sustainably sourced healthy food for everyone - no more foodbanks needed!</i>
<i>A close community in control of their own destiny.</i>
<i>There are a lot of community owned projects, especially renewable energy production benefitting on wind and rain. And people have seen through the government's attempts to greenwash energy</i>



Session 2



We then spent some time on 4 chosen areas to generate realistic steps



GwyrddNi held a talk on 'Food Growing'. You can watch the talk back [here on YouTube](#), and here is a [full English transcript of the talk](#). And you can [click here](#) to view the full information pack for this talk. Well worth a watch and/or a read.

Interested in further reading/listening?:

Annwyl fynychwyr ein sgwrs tyfu bwyd / Dear attendees of our food growing talk,

Gan Mike Goldthorp....

Podcast and reading recommendations :

Accidental Gods:

- [Growing food around, between and on trees](#)
- [Building soil, healing the earth, feeding humanity](#)

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Harmony Project (more around education, but some really great food-related ones too)

- <https://harmonyproject.libsyn.com/harmony-in-education-with-barny-haughton>
- <https://harmonyproject.libsyn.com/the-future-of-education-with-donna-edmonds>

Over the Farm Gate:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/over-the-farm-gate/id1508553337>

Farmerama: <https://farmerama.co/>

Sustainable Food Trust: <https://sustainablefoodtrust.org/podcasts/>

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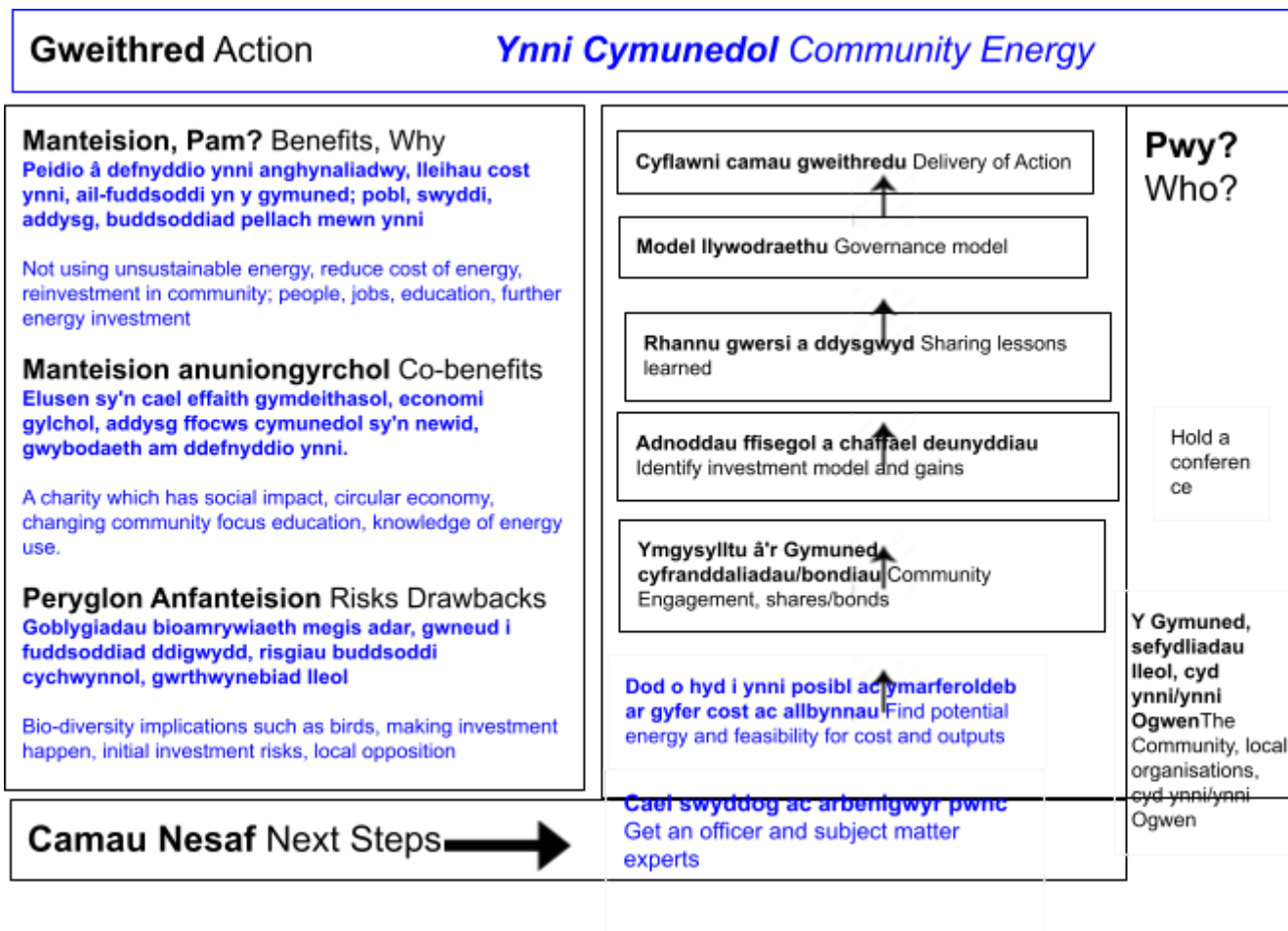
CREU SYSTEM FWYD WELL I GYMRU | CREATING A BETTER FOOD SYSTEM FOR WALES

<https://foodmanifesto.wales/manifesto/>

Amber Wheeler's report on Welsh Horticulture:

<https://foodmanifesto.wales/2015/09/25/beyond-5-a-day/>

NB: Y Dref Werdd are delivering a Market Garden Project on the land behind Y Manod:
[Check it out!](#)



GwyrddNi held a talk on ‘Ynni Cymunedol’. You can watch the talk back on [GwyrddNi's YouTube Channel here](#). Unfortunately the original Welsh and the English translation were captured on this recording, we do apologise about that. This was a useful opportunity to hear from, and ask questions of Ynni Ogwen, Ynni Padarn Peris and Community Energy Wales. Here is the [full information pack](#) to go with this talk.

Ynni Padarn Peris gave a great talk at Dyffryn Peris Cynulliad 2. You can view it [here](#) and I will send the English transcription in a link **shortly**.

Gweithred Action

Rhannu sgiliau a trwsio Skills and repair Share

Manteision, Pam? Benefits, Why

Dim angen prynu "stwyff" - ailgylchu, aildefnyddio at bwrpas lleihau costau. Mae Addysg Leol, yr Economi Leol, yn darparu cartref ar gyfer 'darnau a phobs' offer nas defnyddir.

No need to buy "stuff" - recycle reuse repurpose reduced costs. Local Education, Local Economy, provide a home for unused equipment 'bits and bobs'

Manteision anuniongyrchol Co-benefits

Cymdeithasu, adeiladu cymunedau/rhannu gwybodaeth, darparu cyflogaeth i bobl reoli'r cynllun "Rwy'n adnabod person sy'n gallu", rhannu offer gyda phrosiectau eraill

Socialising, building communities/knowledge sharing, provide employment for people to manage scheme "I know a person who can", sharing tools with other projects

Peryglon Anfanteision Risks Drawbacks

Cymryd gwaith gan fasnachwyr lleol, goblygiadau cyfreithiol ee profi PAT, cynllun yn cael ei fanteisio arno, angen gwasanaeth tanysgrifio?

Taking work from local traders, legal implications eg PAT testing, scheme being taken advantage of, need subscription service?

Trefnu cyfarfodydd torfol a gweithdai, dangos a dweud Organise mass meetings and workshops, show and tell

Cyfringau cymdeithasol a marchnata Social media and marketing

Codi arian cymunedol, cyllid y Llywodraeth Community fundraising, Government funding

ymgyngori â busnesau lleol Appeal to local businesses

Ymchwilio i gynlluniau presennol gan gynnwys meysydd eraill Research existing schemes including other areas

Siarad evo'r cymuned Talk to the community

Pwy? Who?

Camau Nesaf Next Steps →

Gweithred Action

Insiwleiddio Cartrefi Insulating Homes

Manteision, Pam? Benefits, Why

Arbed arian ar filiau, llai o CO2 yn cael ei roi allan i'r amgylchedd. Budd iechyd - henoed yn arbennig yn dioddef yn yr oerfel. Effeithiau tai oerion — lleithder Save money on bills, less CO2 put out into the environment. Health benefit - elderly particularly suffer in the cold. Effects of cold houses - dampness

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Datblygu sgiliau - gweithdy DIY atal drafftiau, cartrefi cynhesach, adeiladu cymunedol, ychwanegu gwerth at eiddo

Developing skills - workshop DIY draught proofing, warmer homes, community building, add value to property

Peryglon Anfanteision Risks Drawbacks

Adeiladau wedi'u hinswleiddio - sbwng / chwipio - cynnwys carbon y gwelliant - adeiladau mwy hyll / estheteg. Canfyddiadau/amhariat mewn cartrefi Buildings insulated - foam/pebbledash - carbon content of improvement - uglier buildings/aesthetics. Perceptions/disruption in homes

Enghreifftiau. Effeithlonrwydd ynni mewn ysgolion Examples. Energy efficiency in schools

tyfu cywarch - cywarch lleol ar gyfer inswleiddio Growing hemp - local hempcrete for insulation

Dewch â phobl ynghyd i ddysgu sut i atal drafftiau DIY. Cefnogaeth i wella cartrefi gyda'n gilydd... Bring people together to learn DIY draught proofing. Support to improve homes together...

Atebion syml, atal drafftiau, inswleiddio to...Pa gartrefi? Simple solutions: draught proofing, roof insulation

Ymchwiliwch i'r hyn sydd wedi'i wneud o'r blaen, beth yw ystadegau'r Research what has been done before, what are the statistics

System wresogi gymunedol Community heating system

Nid yw partneriaethau mas critigol, achos busnes, estheteg yn orfodol Critical mass partnerships, businesscase, aesthetics not mandatory Ymchwilio i fodelau ariannu Researching funding models

Aseswyr cartrefi ynni Homes/energy assessors

Hyfforddi masnachwyr lleol Train local tradespeople

Cael cefnogaeth gan drigolion Get support from resident

Pa Gartrefi? Which

A yw'n raddadwy Is it scalable?

Pwy? Who?

Masnachwyr Lleol Y Dref werdd Ymddiriedolaeth Gymunedol

Local Trades people Y Dref werdd Community Trust

Camau Nesaf Next Steps →

Session 3

And we made some important progress for making sure that all action in the plan is the right action and will be successful.

Here is the document with all the questions that we thought we should be checking out with all action proposals.

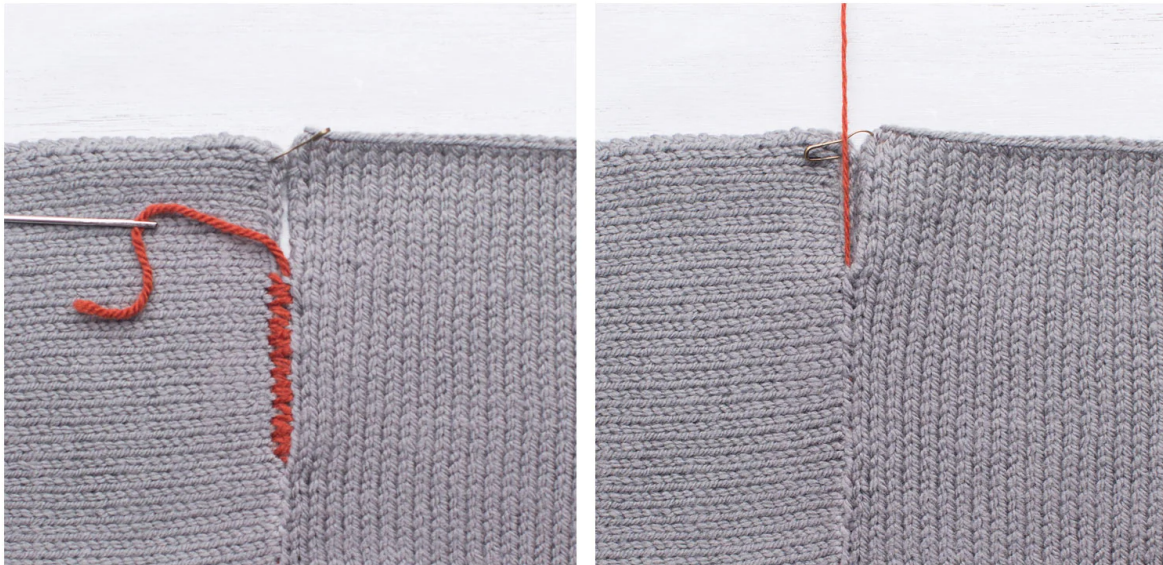
Questions to ask of all proposed action
Language, culture Does it respect people and local businesses? Is it available to everyone? Does it reflect the linguistic and cultural heritage of our community? Are there educational opportunities attached to the action? Can we define the community? Who is in and who is out? Does it belong to the current or historical culture? How does it include those who are against? Does this create well-being for the local communities? How do we ensure that rural communities are connected?
Justice/Fairness Does this action consider how we communicate this with the community? Are we being inclusive and accessible? Does everyone want this? Is it affordable? Is this to have a negative impact on anyone in the community? Is it available to everyone? Is the need for this shared by everyone? Did it create problems for parts of the community? Does this address poverty?
Effectiveness Is it sustainable? Does everyone want this? Is there a better way of doing this? Is what we're proposing making the best use of the tech available. Is it good for the community? Is it worth it? Is it financially viable? Are we reinventing the wheel? How does it measure if it works? Is it technically and financially feasible? Is there support from the public? Is this the best use of money and time? Is it maintainable? Is there an example of this being done successfully elsewhere? Do we have the expertise / access to expertise that's needed for the project?
Emissions Does this action reduce carbon emissions in the long term? Do we have a carbon emissions evaluation process? How does it prove that this action reduces emissions?

Is this driven by science?
Timelines Can we make a plan? Can we afford to wait? Do we have a succession plan? Is this action future proof? Is there a clear and SMART timetable for this? Can I make a timeline? Can't you plan ahead? How can we maintain the supply of necessary goods/items/ stuff needed?
Biodiversity Does this action improve biodiversity locally? Are our methods and operations balanced and proportionate in dealing with threat & risks? Does it respect the local environment? Is this action going to have a negative impact on local biodiversity? Does this action promote the use of an environmentally friendly product? Have you considered how we use and dispose of excess product? Is it to do as little harm as possible?
Best practice Are we achieving best practice? Are we sharing best practice?
Health and wellbeing Does it improve the health of the community?
Consent Does it have the support of all assembly members?
Integrity / Regulation What can leaders get out of it? Are leaders/we open and honest with everyone about the project?

In discussion on zoom it was thought that a **vision statement** for the assembly's action would be really helpful.

A short vision statement could bring all of these questions together -
and it could be the headline for how we decide the right actions for the community and climate.

The theme of Cynulliad 3 is *to stitch*



- We will be stitching in work that is going on already in Bro Ffestiniog
- We will be stitching in experience from work that has gone on in the other areas and the other assemblies
- And we will be stitching in the assembly process of young people in Bro Ffestiniog: The Cylchdaith and their own Cynulliad.
- We will be creating a Vision Statement, into which, all the action can be stitched.

So needles and thread at the ready.

Cynulliad 3:
25th and 26th
January
6pm-9pm
Neuadd Llan
Ffestiniog

The theme of Cynulliad 4 will most likely be *to iron*!

Pledge

Between us we know hundreds of people, parents, young people, friends, family, neighbours, colleagues... by getting these people to sign the GwyrddNi Pledge there will be a lot of people ready to read our Action Plan, and as a result hopefully ready to support and contribute to the sustainable future of this area.

[GwyrddNi Website linc](#)



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