



October 2022 Newsletter

Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre

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### *Important note from the Chair about Committee roles required*

November is approaching fast and with it the AGM. The AGM is planned for Saturday 19th November with a 2pm start and a social drink from 1.30pm at LGFC. As well as holding the physical event we hope to be able to stream the AGM on Teams so that members unable to physically attend, will still be able to be involved. It will be fantastic to be back at the centre in person and seeing everyone face to face - it feels like a very long time since that was possible!

I had originally decided to step down as chair at this AGM and remain on Committee for another year to help with the transition for a new chair (as you will see from the recent minutes). Currently I am struggling to manage the time commitments that the role requires, whilst I am running my own business. However with the situation as it is, and the developments with the lease and Forestry England I have decided to stay on for another year to provide consistency and see us through the lease negotiations. However at the end of the next year I will step down as chair and come off the Committee.

Sian has decided to leave the Committee. We'd like to thank her for all her hard work over the years. If anyone has ever seen Sian at a Working Week, you'll know how much she can achieve and turn her hand to anything. She has been a great support to Ellen and Walter as well, so thank you Sian for all your support to LGFC. With Sian's departure, we are in even greater need for more members to join the the Committee. We would be delighted to see new faces on the committee, we really need the help, to spread the workload as our current committee are all in work full time and it's hard work running LGFC with so few committee members.

We are able to have up to 13 members on the Committee of which 4 Officer roles are mandatory (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and 9 other Committee members are allowed. If we don't get enough interest in the Officer roles and Committee roles we will have to look at changing our constitution to reduce the number of Officers and Trustees.

If you feel you can give this much needed support, please get in touch with myself or Ellen. If you would like to discuss what being on Committee means and would like more information, then please contact one of the Officers who will be able to explain how we work and what it means to be a Committee member for LGFC. Thank you for this consideration.

We will be providing food at the forth coming AGM and will ask for a contribution of £10 person to cover the cost of food and one glass of sparkling wine on arrival.

Tim

Chair LGFC

## Dark Sky Event

There is Dark Sky event planned for the weekend Friday 21st October - 23rd October, if you would like to book in for this event please contact Ellen. We are asking people to arrive no earlier than 4pm on Friday. Forestry England are carrying out extensive felling work within the valley which means access can be difficult. Forestry are aware of our check in times and access will be easier during this time. If you are planning on just attending the event on Saturday please contact Ellen for tickets and information.



This will be the first Dark Sky event in 2 years and we are looking forward to it. We will have activities for children in the early part of the evening and talks in the later part of night. Unfortunately the Starlab is no longer available to LGFC but we have come up with some alternatives activities. For the programme of activities please click [here](#). The event will be support Dennis Kelly from Cockermouth Astronomers who will give talks in the evening.

## Lease Update

The solicitors continue to work on our behalf to resolve the lease issues. An extension was agreed with Forestry England on the last legal action this lasts until 1st November 2022. We will update members after this date. The issues will be fully discussed at the AGM. We would really like to thank our members for their letters to Mike Seddon and we really appreciate your support.

Our local MP Trudy Harrison has come to LGFC to visit us and see the work that carry out here at the centre. We would like to thank her for her support and help going forward.

Minutes of committee meeting can be accessed by via the website, information on gaining access can be found further on in the newsletter.



### *1 - Developments in the valley*

*Forestry England are removing all of the diseased Larch, this is a major undertaking and is changing the shape and look of the Forest.*

*Forestry England are also moving forward with the planned introduction of Beavers within the valley. They have placed a sample of the fencing which will be used to try and keep the beavers in. This has been placed near to the Irish bridge. Consultation regarding the introduction of beavers in Ennerdale has yet to take place.*

Dear Member

Don't forget the minutes from Committee Meetings and AGM Minutes available to members on the LGFC website. We are now able to offer this service and should any member wish to access the minutes online at <http://www.lgfc.org.uk/> then please email [chairman@lgfc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@lgfc.org.uk) to request a username and password. All minutes, AGM minutes and newsletters are available to read and download from the members login section.

Tim

Chair LGFC

### *2 - Members Discussion Section*

This is our section for members to discuss or express their views. If you have something you would like to be added to this section please forward your views to either Tim ([chair@lgfc.org.uk](mailto:chair@lgfc.org.uk)) or Ellen ([warden@lgfc.org.uk](mailto:warden@lgfc.org.uk))

## Contact Us

Please don't hesitate to get in touch to book a stay or to add to new discussion section

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