**Stronafian Community Forest Survey Analysis (draft)**

**There were 73 responses to the following questions**

**Do you know how to access Stronafian Community Forest?**

Yes -38%

No -46%

Unsure -16%

**How often do you use Stronafian Community Forest?**

I don’t-85%

1-2 times per month-3%

3-4 times per month-4%

More often-6%

Other, please specify:

“Been there twice”

“Once or twice a year”

**Please indicate 3 activities/facilities you would like to see developed first in the Community forest.**

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| **Respondents 3 choices for their prioritised developments** | |
| Several picnic sites connected by Forest walks | 35 |
| A Forest style childrens' playground | 15 |
| A stocked fishing lake | 6 |
| Hides for wildlife watching | 21 |
| Bridleway for pony trekking | 6 |
| A nursery for native plants and trees | 12 |
| Conservation of chambered Cairn | 14 |
| Forest burials | 3 |
| Woodland crofts | 15 |
| Local food production | 14 |
| Energy production (bio mass/hydro/wind/solar) | 19 |
| Saw mill, providing wood and bark chippings etc. | 16 |
| Sustainable housing | 12 |
| Quad biking | 4 |
| Archery | 3 |
| Stalking and clay pigeon shooting | 6 |
| Astronomy centre | 4 |
| Tennis courts | 7 |

Other responses included:

“Tourist activities that must be able to cover the cost of repairs, security and litter removal”

“Cycle paths”

“Mapped tracks”

“Events to get the community into the forest”

“Accessible to all paths”

“Parking areas”

**Do you support the Development Trust conducting feasibility studies of community renewable energy projects?**

Yes-64%

No-8%

Unsure-24%

Other responses included:

“Unsure because of costs”

“I would be happy to help in the study”

**Would you volunteer with Community Forest related activities?**

Yes-56%

No-11%

Unsure-30%

Other responses included:

“If needed”

“Too old”

“Too old, have a big garden and I am already volunteering”

**Would you attend training courses aimed at maintaining forest facilities such as**

**footpaths?**

Yes-48%

No-26%

Unsure-26%

**Would you grow food in a community polytunnel?**

Yes-41%

No-29%

Unsure-30%

**Having read information on woodland crofts, do you think these could be beneficial to the community?**

Yes-65%

No-4%

Unsure-27%

Other responses included:

“Not to be used as 2nd homes until at least 20 years”

“Not a priority”

**Please identify an activity/amenity that would encourage tourism to Colglen**

These responses included areas of Colglen not only located in the Community Forest:

* Self-catering log cabins
* Unspoiled surroundings
* Pontoon for boats
* Cycles
* 3 affordable activities that are valuable and take money
* Developing affordable accommodation for weekend activities i.e. bird watching
* Meals and drinks
* Pub in the Clachan
* Zip wires
* Woodland management courses
* Carbon retention
* Paint balling
* Bird related activities such as lectures and nest boxes

**Household questions**

**The following were responses from 38 households**

**Would you have energy efficient home improvements paid for via your electricity bill?**

Yes-33%

No-19%

Unsure-38%

Other responses included:

“Already have solar panels”

“I live in rented accommodation”

**Would you contribute your garden waste to a community composting project?**

Yes-70%

No-20%

Unsure-5%

Other responses included:

“Needs investment”

**Would you heat your home or part of your home with wood from the Community Forest?**

Yes-62%

No-19%

Unsure-10%

Other responses included:

“Got own wood”

“Price must be right”

**If using wood fuel from the Community Forest, how would you like to obtain it?**

Collection-5%

Delivery-57%

Either-38%

**For businesses only**

**The following were responses from 12 businesses**

**What potential Community Forest development/s could improve your business?**

Responses included:

* Better signage
* Picnic areas
* Bins
* Historical interpretation
* Tree felling
* A hostel
* Deer stalking
* Cyclists
* Tourists
* Promote/use already established businesses

**What Forest products could your business use?**

Responses included:

* Hardwood
* Wood for fencing
* Wild food
* Use the forest as a venue
* Timber

**If any, what additional new business/service could improve your existing business?**

Responses included:

* Workshops
* Distillery
* Space
* Regular events

**Would you advertise your business on a Community Forest web site?**

Yes-56%

No-22%

Unsure-22%