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1. Introduction, Summary of findings and next steps

1.1 Introduction

First of all, thank you all who came to tell us what issues concern and interest you with respect to Snowdon and the area immediately around the mountain. Thank you for coming to find out about the Snowdon Partnership. Around fifty people came to three events, in Beddgelert, Waunfawr, and Llanberis. The amount of time people had available to study relevant maps and visuals, read and digest the material presented and feed back their views and reactions varied, but on average, people spent around an hour at the events. Several people spent significantly longer than that, and we are glad that all the individuals who did participate, invested so much of their time in this exchange of information and in dialogue with members of the Snowdon Partnership.

1.2 Findings

At the drop-ins, we presented some background information about who is part of the Partnership, and what we aim to do, about the habitats and species that characterise the mountain, its landscape, natural beauty and planning matters, access and transport, leisure and tourism, heritage, culture and language, and the rural economy – for people to comment on. The comments from across the three locations we visited, contained many common themes, though there were some local variations too. All in all we received a very broad range of comments and ideas.

On the Partnership and its aims, people appreciated the emphasis on pragmatic approaches, and the desire to involve local people. Several people made suggestions with regards how to keep them involved: “Be great to have a place e.g online where we local people could raise ideas and concerns when they come up i.e not just every now and then”; “Model partneriaeth Abergwyngregyn sydd i’w weld yn gweithio”. There were suggestions as to who else should be on the partnership – more representatives of user groups for example, and CADW, others said the representation of landowner / occupiers should be greater. Some indicated uncertainty as to what the partnership could actually do “Angen cytuno pwrpas/au clir”, and questioned how much “management activity” the partnership could undertake.

There were many comments about **invasive species**, which reflected in part the dominance of different species across the area e.g. rhododendron towards the South on the mountain. Many people commented on the need to understand land-management challenges better, the **role of agriculture** and carefully controlled grazing in maintaining aspects of the landscape with which we are familiar, halting or slowing the spread of bracken and gorse; and some highlighted issues associated with prescriptive schemes like Glastir. Several commented on how better **information-giving about the area’s special habitats and species** would help people recognise the status of the area as

a nature reserve, and encourage greater **respect** for the area. Greater respect in turn could encourage more **positive behaviours** – e.g. sticking to paths in order to minimise erosion, taking litter home, shutting gates, keeping dogs under control, treating livestock with respect: “Ensuring visitors can easily access information to add value to their visit as well as passing on safety information”.

Planning issues generated some interest, particularly the need to enable appropriate developments that encourage tourism, allow residents to develop rural businesses and help the local population, particularly the young [Welsh-speakers] to live and work in the area, for example “Llanberis could be offering so much more to visitors (and thus boosting local economy/jobs) People want to come and spend their money. Look to alpine resort for visitor incentives”.

Two related issues that very many people commented on were transport – and the need for better integrated, more flexible and affordable **public transport options**, and **parking**. They highlighted a need to design options for the convenience of users, moving to the mountains as well as between local towns and villages, to publicise these options effectively and make timetables simple to read. They suggested using smaller vehicles, and laying on more frequent services.

People suggested the need for a pragmatic approach to parking, given that most people arrive in cars. Applying fines to illegally parked cars was a controversial topic: “Stop giving people parking tickets at Pen y Gwryd and bring in more meter spaces – its very unwelcoming to ticket scores of visitors each weekend”; “Increased parking controls i.e ticket wardens all day every day during high season”.

The work of maintaining **footpaths** was commended, but there is a sense this is a never-ending task. Given the growing numbers coming to the area, the trend for taking part in large organised events and charity activities, and therefore the increasing numbers of people who are not prepared for all the mountain can throw at them (changing weather, poor visibility etc.) there is a need to focus on providing visitors with appropriate guidance – better waymarkers, instructions about how to behave (e.g. not build mini-cairns, close gates, stick to paths even if they are eroded, rather than create new ones.....). There was much discussion on meeting the needs of different users, particularly less experienced walkers (provision / promotion of low level paths) and horse riders.

There was concern about **large events** too, because of the stress they put on the environment and facilities, and the perception that they bring limited economic benefits. Some suggested investigating ways in which visitors could contribute more to the area’s up-keep, for example, charging some sort of tax or voluntary contribution. Others wanted such events to be limited.

Many people felt that promoting the **Welsh language**, and **place names** in particular, is a unique selling point of the area, and it can be used to far greater positive effect “The Welsh language needs to be celebrated and promoted as an attraction rather than being seen as a problem. Be proud of it encourage us to use a few words e.g Yr Wyddfa!”; “Angen gwarchod enwau lleoedd hanesyddol beth am newid enw 'Mallory's Bar'! Rhaid rhoi perswad ar fusnesau a safloedd twristiaeth e.e Sygun, Rheilffordd yr Wyddfa i fod yn hollol ddwyieithog.”

1.3 Next Steps

The next event to be held will be an evening workshop in Llanberis, on 9th November where we hope to hear more from you about particular issues you have highlighted at the drop-ins, and begin to explore any compelling opportunities that the Partnership can develop to respond to the challenges you have described. We'll look at some possible early solutions to some of the issues you've raised, as well as look at ways in which we can approach removing obstacles to the development of responses to current problems and challenges we will face in the future.

The Snowdon Partnership intends to respond to your call for more and better communication, and we'll be asking you about your suggestions for how this can be arranged at the workshop.

We look forward to seeing you again soon!

2. The purpose of holding drop-in events

The drop-ins were convened and hosted by The Snowdon Partnership – Partneriaeth yr Wyddfa. Their aim was to introduce the partnership and its purpose, and to seek the views of people living on and around yr Wyddfa and the surrounding area, working here or visiting and enjoying Snowdon on how to work together to develop & deliver the best possible management of this iconic mountain. Participants were asked what issues they would like to have addressed? These issues could be concerns, things that could be improved, things people want more of, or less of.

2.1 About the drop-ins

Three drop-in events were held at Beddgelert on the 5th October, Waunfawr on the 12th October and Llanberis on October 14th. Each drop-in followed the same pattern – a series of bilingual panels, providing a little explanation and contextual information, followed by space to enable participants to add their comments. The working style was informal and provided an open and clear structure to encourage an expansive dialogue, allowing participants to contribute fully, and to introduce any topic they deemed relevant.

Participants were able to review the notes left by others who had visited earlier, and to respond to their comments, by indicating agreement, providing an alternative perspective or indicating their disagreement.

The drop-ins were designed and facilitated by Dr Catrin Ellis Jones, an independent third party, specialising in dialogue processes and community and stakeholder engagement. Representatives of organisations that are members of the partnership were also present, helping to provide information if participants asked questions, and to listen to points participants preferred to talk through with them.

About this report

This report has been produced by Catrin Ellis Jones based on notes made by participants at the drop-in events, completed questionnaires as well as notes, twitter comments and e-mails sent in following the events.

The events were bilingual; participants made contributions in their language of choice.

Grey boxes, like this one, offered at the beginning of some sections, seek to explain for the benefit of readers who were not participants, the activity or task, which resulted in the output that follows.

2.2 Information provided at the drop-ins

The information giving panels at the drop-ins were arranged in the following order:

- ***Croeso / Welcome***
- ***Who we are, why a partnership, why now?***
- ***Habitats and species***
- ***Landscape, natural beauty and planning***
- ***Access and transport***
- ***Leisure and tourism***
- ***Heritage, culture and language***
- ***Rural economy***
- ***Any other issues***
- ***Thank-you for contributing***

In response to the feedback from several participants, who felt that they would like more time to review the information displayed, it can be downloaded from the Snowdon Partnership's web-page <http://www.snowdonpartnership.co.uk>

Please note, the information provided was intended to stimulate dialogue and to provide limited background information (it was not by far, an exhaustive review of relevant data).

3. Snowdon – yr Wyddfa: issues identified by drop-in participants

Issues reproduced below include all the feed back received, including comments made on flip-chart paper by participants at all three drop-ins, questionnaire responses and communications sent in later.

They are listed under the headings used at the drop-in events and corresponding questionnaires.

In order to illustrate some variations in the range of comments made from place-to-place around yr Wyddfa, we list all the comments from the three events separately.

Issues have been grouped into sub-themes dealing with similar topics, by the facilitator, for the ease of the reader.

An X or ✓ next to a comment, indicates where subsequent participant(s) have disagreed or agreed (respectively) with the comment.

Comments written in Welsh have been translated into English and written in italics.

3.1 Comments on the aims of partnership

Beddgelert

- Snowdon is an internationally important rock climbing site this needs to be recognised – BMC & Ramblers need to be partners also Clwb Dringo Porthmadog & Clwb Mynydda Cymru
- Bona fida hillwalkers could be under presented
- Communication with local communities and businesses.
- More involvement form user groups – current partnership is predominantly landowning dominated or by commercial interests.
- Ensuring better communication between all user groups

Waunfawr

- Rhaid rhoid flaenoriaeth a chydabyddiaeth i'r ffermwyr hynny sydd yn berchenog neu yn denantiaid ar y tir yma ac yn dibynnu arno am eu bywoliaeth. Ni wnaiff y strategaeth weithio heb wneud hyn. *Priority and recognition must be given to the farmers who are owners or tenants of the land here and depend on it for their livelihood. The strategy will not work without this.*
- Should CADW be included as 'Yr Wyddfa' is of large heritage interest to many.
- No organisation representing the outdoor activities sector using the area e.g outdoor centres, climbers, mountainbikers, guides etc Shouldn't they be in?
- Gormod o gynrychiolwyr uchod ar y G/gor! Lleihau 'digwyddiadau' elusen ar y mynydd. Hawlen trefnydd – codi ffi defnydd digwyddiadau? *Too many of the above representatives on the working group! Charity 'events' should*

be reduced on the mountain. Organisers permit – charge a fee for events?

- Dim gweld pan ddylai Cyngor Conwy fod yn rhan gan nad yw yn nalgylch yr Wyddfa. *Don't see why Conway Council should take part because it is not in Snowdon's catchment.*
- Effective working can only happen with strong lines of communication and transparent process.
- Be great to have a place e.g online where we local people could raise ideas and concerns when they come up i.e not just every now and then. ✓
- (Reply to above) – relies on there being timely and consistent responses to queries / managing website updates & social media (i.e someone's time/money!!)

Llanberis

- Dylai'r bartneriaeth gynnwys y perchnogion tir a'r rhai hynny sydd yn dal yr hawliau porri ar y tiroedd dan sylw. Mae'r effaith fwyaf ar fywyd a bywoliaeth oherwydd amryw gynllun rheoli, ar yr amaethwr, ac heb yr amaethwr byddai mynediad ir ardaloedd yma yn anodd os nad yn amhosibl – eto yr amaethwyr sydd yn c ael y gynrychiolaeth wanaf. *The partnership should include the land owners and those who hold the rights on pasture lands in question. The greatest impact is on life and livelihood due to various management schemes, on the farmer, and without the farmer access to these areas would be difficult if not impossible - but yet again it is the farmers who have the weakest representation.*
- Representation could be improved through giving a voice to hillwalkers & climbers - the obvious choice being the BMC.
- Cynrychiolaeth gan gyrff awyr agored fel CMP (BMC). *Representation by outdoor organisations such as the BMC*
- BMC and Llanberis Mountain Rescue need to be represented as well as some sort of local resident voice.
- Credu bod angen cadw'r 'Bartneriaeth' y canolog i fudiadau / cyrff hefo dylanwadau go iawn ac yn gallu ymrwymo ac wedyn y Bartneriaeth ehangach i gwrdd rhyw un neu ddwy waith y flwyddyn fel 'sounding board' ac i bledleisio aelodau sy'n gwneud i'r canol. Gellid sefyldu nifer o grwpiau tasg yn seiliedig ar beth sydd angen ei benderfynnu a'i wneud . Model partneriaeth Abergwyngregyn sydd i'w weld yn gweithio. Angen cytuno pwrpas/au clir. *I believe that the 'Partnership' needs to be kept central to organizations / bodies with real influences and who can commit and then the wider Partnership should meet once or twice a year as a 'Sounding board' and to vote members to the centre. Several task groups could be established based on what needs to be decided and done. Abergwyngregyn partnership model seems to work. Need to agree on clear purpose/s.*
- Would be nice to see local business and residents becoming more involved.
- The purpose should include the need for wilderness in a mountain environment.
- The management need to focus on minimising hurican impact – not adding to it or creating it.

3.2 Habitats and Species

Beddgelert

- Would like more biodiversity, this probably means reducing grazing and/or developing the Cwm Llan Sheperding Scheme. *X*
- Great conservation work on Hafod y Llan Estate – Welsh Blacks and new shepherding scheme.
- Appropriate grazing levels across the whole massif – would eliminate the need to have fences between holdings, grazing levels (and shepherding) appropriate to specific habitats.
- It's sheep wrecked! Bio-diversity would be good.
- Well managed
- There is an issue for NRW/WG in the sense that it will always be dominated by the agri-environment schemes
- Rhaid gweithio mewn partneriaeth. *Must work in partnership*
- Lefelau pori cynaladwy ar draws yr holl fynydd nid ond y ffermydd sydd yn fodlon cymryd rhan yn y cyllun. *Sustainable grazing levels across all the mountain not just the farms that are willing to participate in the scheme.*
- Invasive Specis control must continue to improve area – some more trees on lower areas.
- Need tree planting in Cwm y Llan (e.g Scott Pine) *X*
- Cwm y Llan - tree planting e.g Scots Pine to Grey Squirredl in SNP
- Where are all the wild flowers?
- Grey Squirrel Control (eradication) & Mink eradication.
- Use local stone for footpath improvements & repair do not fly stone in to the area.
- Dark skies award would benefit many crepuscular animals - worst offender Plas y Brenin stadium lights around its car parking & skislope
- Need to Chase 'Dark Sky' status for SNP particularly for lesser horseshoe bat colonies around Snowdon.
- Could we produce leaflets education people what is on Snowdon or do it via web.
- Weather changes may cure problems so we must try and protect what we have left

Waunfawr

- Undergrazing because of Glastir a problem
- Ni ellir cynnal y tirlun na'r ardal yma hebo bori addas gan ddefaid, gwartheg a chefyllau. Rhaid rheoli prysgrwydd yn enwedig rhedyn. *You can not maintain the landscape in the area without appropriate grazing by sheep, cattle and horses. Scrub must be managed especially bracken.*
- Problem o ddiffyg porri mewn rhai ardaloedd yn lladd llysdyfiant, creu problem rhedyn a cau ardaloedd i gerddwyr. *Problem of lack of grazing in some areas killing the vegetation, creating a bracken problem and closing walking areas.*
- Avoid over grazing.

- Any on farm enviro schemes should be developed 'per farm' to support species, not a one scheme fits all. Just cutting stocking levels would work rushes, bracken, ticks all becoming a big problem.
- Consider care of Management of upland habitats above 2000 to be very important.
- Sensitive management on higher altitudes to protect alpines and delicate habitats.
- Gwelliant mewn gwarchod cynefinoedd a rhywogaethau. Gweithio efo'r diwydiant amaeth er mwyn llwyddo. *Protection of habitats and species needs improving. Work with agri industry in order to succeed.*
- Control the numbers of feral goats in a humane way.
- Invasive Species a very serious problem – keep working at control! Bracken and Gorse definitely need more control.
- Bracken spreading about 2m a year to N of Gwastadnant / Nant Peris.
- Rhododendron control - the results can be seen in certain areas. More indigenous tree habitats to be encouraged.
- Gwella Llwybrau uwch ble mae erydiad mwyaf – mwy o byst 'arwain' llwybrau. *Improve upland paths where the erosion is at it's worst – more 'directional' posts.*
- Sicrhau cadw llwybrau mewn cyflwr da. *Ensure paths are kept in good condition.*
- Habitats more important than 'landscape' which is in the eye of the beholder & fashions change!!

Llanberis

- Cael y neges allan ei bod yn bwysig cadw ar y llwybrau i warchod y tirwedd o gwmpas. *Get the message out that it is important to keep on the path to protect the surrounding landscape. ✓*
- Mae'n siwr fod rheolaeth ofalus ar y cynefinoedd gan CNC yr YG a'r APCE. Pwysig fod partneriaeth yr Wyddfa yn hollol ymwybodol o hyn. *Careful management of habitats is probably undertaken by CNC, the NT and the SNPA. It is important that the Snowdon Partnership is fully aware of this.*
- Certain sections could be fenced off to discourage grazing in sensitive areas.
- Annog cerddwyr i gadw at y llwybrau. *Encourage walkers to keep to the paths.*
- Trefnu sesiynau i wirfoddolwyr helpu hefo clirio planhigion ymledol. *Arrange sessions for volunteers to help clear invasive plants.*
- Better education as to the existence of these habitats & species via the visitor centre in the Valleys – Ogwen visitor centre does this better than most.
- Education/Information re habitat needs to be more available.
- Mae'r rhan fwyaf o ymwelwyr yn anymwybodol o werth/bwysigrwydd yr wyddfa o ran rhywogaethau a chynefinoedd. Codi ymwybyddiaeth ei fod yn Warchodfa Natur Cenedlaethol. *Most visitors are unaware of the value / worth of Snowdon as far as habitats and habitats are concerned. Awareness needs to be raised that it is a National Nature Reserve.*

- Clymu gwybodaeth am y bywyd gwyllt i fewn hefo gwybodaeth cerdded a dringo ac ar fapiau ac ati. Gwybodaeth ar fysis y Sherpa ac yn y tai bach ac ati. *Information about the wildlife needs to be linked with information about walking and climbing and with information on maps and so on. Information on the Sherpa bus and toilets etc.*
- Reintroduce Extinct species / Re wilding some areas.
- Encourage - do not destroy or modify i.e no wolves, wild boar etc.
- Serious lack of habitat for birds/insects.

3.3 Landscape, Natural Beauty & Planning Beddgelert

- This theme is key to the group's remit
- Inappropriate grazing levels – overgrazing on montane / semi montane heaths leading to excessive fences to control grazing. X
- Footpath erosion (but its only a linear issue - wider damage is caused by overgrazing of designated landscapes & habitats).
- Actually developing roadside footpaths would help.
- More education about site needed particularly for ‘challenge’ event attendees.
- Should commercial companies who run 3 peaks and other events pay? Especially when they deface rocks / post signage and leave it.
- Hundreds of thousands visit – nothing for them to do once walk over.
- Nothing for young children to do on wet days (compare to Scafell and the Lake District).
- Please relax planning to encourage investment in the area.
- Mwy o fuddsoddiad mewn atgyweirio llwybrau - mwy o reolaeth dros cynlluniau hydro. *Increased investment needed to repair paths - more control over trydan dwr schemes.*
- It looks worn.
- Hydro schemes not hiding pipework without being forced to – Rhyd Ddu! The Pass, others.
- It is not just Yr Wyddfa most but the views from the wider Landscape care with hydro schemes
- Must maintain planning standards in the NP and AROUND the NP keep planning in SNPA!!
- Planning, Planning, Planning we must develop an attractive Park where people want to stay.

Waunfawr

- Footpath team does great work – essential to continue✓
- Slate tips no longer ugly now part of the heritage and culture.
- Love learning about local history, former land use etc ✓
- Pobl ddim yn sylweddoli mai defaid/porti/ffermio sydd wedi creu'r olygfa. *People don't realise that it is sheep / grazing / farming that have created the scene.*
- Interesting to query – whose definition of ‘natural’? [referring to “natural beauty”]

- Tirlun wedi ei greu ydi hwn ac nid yn hollol naturiol – mae llwybrau a'i cynhaliaeth yn angenrheidiol. *This is a landscape that has been created and it is not totally natural – paths and their maintenance is necessary.*
- Angen gwarchod hyny o dirlun a sydd yn bosibl. *We need to conserve as much of the landscape as possible.*
- Tirwedd yn cau i fyny hefo rhedyn – dim hawl i wistrellu erbyn hyn. *Landscapes are closing up with bracken – there is no right to spray any longer.*
- Any development should be sensitive to the surroundings and where possible enhance/restore/preserve existing structures.
- Any further 'landscaping' of paths etc (except that needed for practical purposes) would start to look too formal. Balance is currently good (some areas may need attention soon)
- Good footpath work but don't overdo it, and avoid too much 'landscaping'. Keep it simple and unobtrusive.
- When will the (existing/improving) path from Nant Peris to Pen y Pass (via Pant y Gromlech) be better promoted?
- There are an increasing number of cairns being built by well meaning but misguided visitors- these mini cairns need flattening as I believe they are contributing to path erosion.
- Mwy o byst cyfeiriad llwybr er lleihau erydiad. *More waymarker posts in order to reduce erosion.*
- Gwella llwybrau uwch er lleihau erydiad. *Improve higher paths to reduce erosion.*
- Dallier ati i warchod y llwybrau o'r gwaelodion at y copa! *Keep on maintaining the paths from the bottom to the summit!*
- Angen gwella llwybrau. *Paths need improvement.*
- Adeiladu waliau cerrig byr er cyfeirio llwybrau. *Build short stone walls in order to direct paths.*
- Maintenance of stonewalls important too.
- Work with landowners to preserve stone walling and discourage barbed wire.
- Codi ffi parcio Gorffwysfa uchaf i £20.00. *Increase parking fee at Gorffwysfa Uchaf to £20.00.*
- More flexibility to restore old buildings (as in Lake District)
- Datblygu sensitif- cynllunio fel bod galw lleol. *Sensitive development – plan according to local demand.*

Llanberis

- Cyflwr y llwybrau (arbennig Llwybr Llanberis) angen sylw. *Path condition (especially Llanberis path) needs attention.*
- A sympathetic approach to path maintenance is essential to preserve the mountain/wilderness aspect, avoiding the use of signposts and avoiding obvious intrusions of man such as stone walls & markers wherever possible.
- Development should be kept to an absolute minimum.
- Keep strict planning laws to limit development.
- Rhaid cofio fod pobl yn byw a gweithio yn ardal yr Wyddfa. Defnyddio cynllunio yn sensitif i anghenion lleol / amddiffyn y tirwedd. *It must be*

remembered that people live and work in the Snowdon area. Planning should be used sensitively to meet local need / preserve the landscape.

- Litter Issues / dumping up the pass/ at PYP/PYG Hotel & laybys. No information on being responsible in the environment. This needs addressing.
- Mae sbwriel yn broblem yn enwedig ar y llwybrau poblogaidd a ddefnyddir ar gyfer yr 'heriau' 3 copa a.y.y.b. Wedi gweld arwyddion mawr ar ddechrau mewn gwledydd eraill hefo lluniau sbwriel a faint mae nhw yn gymryd i bydru. *Litter is a problem especially on the popular routes that are used for the 3 peaks challenges etc. I've seen large signs at the start in other countries with photos of litter and how long they take to rot.*
- Litter is a MAJOR issue and needs to be better addressed.
- Might be crazy idea ... rubbish bins on all paths going up Snowdon (maybe people would stop chucking their rubbish on the ground).
- Dathlu enwau'r nodweddion cymraeg llawer mwy. Yr enwau Cymraeg sydd yn dweud cymaint wrthym ac yn cyplysu gyda chynefinoedd ac ati a rheolaeth/defnydd y gorffennol. *Welsh features need to be celebrated much more. The Welsh names tell us so much and coupled with the habitat and so on and management / use in the past.*
- Archeoleg ddiwydiannol – Hanes – Gwneud yn fwy o'r nodweddion hynod yma. *Industrial Archaeology – History – Make better use of these amazing features. ✓*
- Vigorously maintain the natural beauty of the Park
- Keep the sheep to preserve the landscape and natural beauty.

3.4 Access and transport

Beddgelert

- Car Parking – Llanberis Pass / Penygwryd – insufficient capacity or alternative options-
- Increase Sherpa service not cut it.
- The bus Caernarfon- Beddgelert used to stop in Rhyd Ddu at 9.00a.m . The S97 from Porthmadot to PYP leaves Beddgelert at 9.30. This schedule was ideal to get to PYP - this has been changed and now leaves Rhyd Ddu at 9.25 too late to catch the S97 in Beddgelert!! Please promote the western side of Mount Snowdon walkers/climbers know Llanbers & PYP but dont know Rhyd Ddu. Enlarge parking possibilities in Rhyd Ddu & Snowdon Ranger path. Make a safe walkway from Rhyd Ddu to Snowdon car park. Extend the Beddgelert- Rhyd Ddu walk to Waunfawr. Make it possible for coaches to pay with debit/credir card at the Rhyd Ddu car park.
- All our holiday guest complain that there is no transport.
- Snowdon Sherpa is important needs to work with W.H Railway we need connecting parking with buses – Sunday Service Beddgelert to Caernarfon is essential.
- Better car parking – needs a pragmatic approach to accommodate the demand.
- Most people will arrive by car I'm afraid we need to try harder to cater for this.

- Improve car parking – Snowdon Ranger Rhyd Ddu.
- Parking – path maintenance & improvement to upper Watkin
- New! Connecting paths for walkers and mountain bikers around Yr Wyddfa i.e Rhyd Ddu to Llanberis, Llanberis to Pen y Pass, Pen y Pass to Nantgwynant.
- Problemau parcio ar y briffordd. *Parking problems on the highway.*
- Simply booking illegally parked cars every weekend does not resolve the issue.
- Clearway by PyG – risk and penalties need to be better explained as a lot of people are leaving the area with a bad experience.
- Park & Ride could help with car parking present car parks can not accommodate the number of cars for walkers in the area.
- Better signage for PYG – Pen y Pass footpath. Better Public transport & publicity. ✓
- Tie in Bus and Train to walkers – not the other way around.
- A better supported, more reliable Public Transport system.
- Bus services could be improved /developed. Traffic free cycle routes from Llandudno would be good and out to Lon Las Eifion.
- Smaller and more regular buses around Snowdon and later early evening operation between Easter and October.
- Better information at Nant Peris / Capel Curig that car parks are full.
- Car parking too expensive should be cheaper and more spaces.
- All paths up Snowdon have increased usage they all need to be maintained to a high standard & drainage!
- Create good path from Pen y Pass to Nant Peris.
- Improve existing footpaths – not develop costly new ones.
- D of E groups not very co-operative, leaders need to give better training.

Waunfawr

- Maes parcio gyferbyn â'r tren y Wyddfa – dylai bod y pobl sy'n gweithio yno'n nabod y lle y natur, ein diwylliant. Mae'n gyfle i rhoi croeso ac argraff i ymwelwyr. *Car park opposite the Snowdon train - the people working there should know the place, the nature, our culture. It is an opportunity to welcome and impress visitors.*
- Angen llawer mwy o feysydd parcio bychan o gwmpas y lle – ardal Pen y Gwryd yn gywilyddus. *Need for several more car parks here and there – the area around Pen y Pass is an embarrassment.*
- Parking becoming very busy in Nantperis, people parking everywhere including parking bays in Gwastadnant.
- Parking is a problem by Betws Garmon on busy weekends. Cars are parked on the busy road where there are no laybys or hard shoulder. Need bigger car park or double yellow lines.
- Run a good Sherpa bus service + bus service from Bangor train station to Llanberis to suit train arrivals.
- Bus links around Snowdon could be improved – agree ✓✓ cytuno ✓
- Buses keep not turning up, so very tired people end up walking along the roads & next time they don't want to use the bus – more cars! Increase reliability. ✓

- Free Public transport for s & residents paid from a 'tourist tax' similar to scheme in European ACPS.
- When the Tour of Britain came through people parked at Pen y Gwryd for a short time, cars full of bikes etc. We saw about 30+ parking tickets on cars parked safely but without tickets. Everyone around all locals were outraged that we'd do that. What was the council thinking? It does not give a good feel to something we surely want to host again! Loss of revenue good will etc.
- It's wrong to give parking tickets on cars parked along road from Pen y Gwryd on Gwynedd side very off putting and unexpected.
- Mwy o feysydd parcio a codi tal teg am barcio. *More car parks and charge fairly for parking.*
- Codi cosb dirwy parcio heb dalu / codi ffir parcio Gorphwysfa Uchaf. *Increase the fine for parking without paying / increase Gorphwysfa Uchaf parking fee.*
- Community run transport schemes.
- Gwell gwasanaeth bysiau drwy'r flwyddyn – hybu parcio yn pentrefi e.e Glyn Rhonwy. *Better bus services throughout the year – promote parking in the villages e.g. Glyn Rhonwy.*
- Sherpa buses v useful, encourage more use – great loss that Bethesda – Capel Curig service axed. ✓
- Ogwen Cottage visitor centre had timetables for the now non-existent Sherpa service in August 2015.
- Could taxi from Bethesda to Ogwen Cott be subsidised or free?
- Need for more information about low level paths around the Snowdon massive, without going to the summit – and around other N Snowdonia mts. ✓
- Some gates very dangerous for equestrians. Paths should be suitable for equestrians.
- The message that poor event management delivers to new & other visitors to the area that it's ok to discard their litter 'can have negative lasting negative impact'.
- Litter associated with charity races inc Snowdon Marathon is bad. Why not use some of the proceeds from numerous entrance fees to pay for litter pick?
- Bydd yn rhaid i'r Parc Cenedlaethol yn hwyr neu hwyrach gymeryd mesurau i reoli'r nifer o ymwelwyr yn yr ardal yma o'r Parc. *The National Park sooner or later will have to take steps to manage the number of visitors to this area of the Park.*
- Problems with off roading vehicles on Moel Eilio and Cefn Du!
- Pobl yn 'creu' llwybrau – erydiad yn graith anodd i'w wella a pobl eraill wedyn yn cadw i'r 'trywydd'. Problem anodd i'w ddatrys. *People are 'creating' paths - erosion scars are hard to improve and then other people keep along the same 'lines'. A difficult problem to resolve.*
- Pobl yn disgyn o'r mynydd (yn hytrach na dringo) yn gweld y fan mae nhw'n anelu amdani e.e tent, tafarn ac yn mynd mewn llinell syth amdani heb barchu llwybrau, waliau, ffensus ac ati ... mwy o barch!! *People coming down from the mountain (rather than climbing) and see the place*

they want to get to e.g. tents, pub, and go in a straight line for it without respecting paths, walls, fences etc. ... more respect!!

- Mwy o nwyddau a chynnyrch Cymreig ym mwyty Pen y Pass. *More Welsh items and goods in Pen y Pass cafe.*

Llanberis

- Hysbysebu cynlluniau parcio a reidio ar gefn tocynnau parcio yn y cyffiniau e.e Caernarfon. *Park and ride schemes advertised on the back of parking tickets in the vicinity e.g. Caernarfon.*
- Parking near amenities with transport to the main start and finish points for the mountains.
- Clearer advertisement of Park and rids scheme through Council website.
- Angen gwell trafnidiaeth cyhoeddus (park & ride). *We need better public transport (park & ride).*
- Cynllun Sherpa symlach, amlach a mwy cydlynus. Byddai gallu atal beicwyr ar y llwybrau prysur yn dda. Mae nhw'n beryg. *Sherpa scheme simpler, more frequent and more cohesive. Could prevent cyclists on busy routes well. They are dangerous.*
- Reopen Railways – Caernarfon/Llanberis
- Bus service – trail service – buses gang around mountain in opposite directions – help with linear walks.
- Bus/transport service not practical especially with kids – v hard to plan, connections not regular.
- This is a massive issue that impacts on local residents and visitors and should be addressed urgently. Ticketing people for not parking in the car parks which are full isn't an answer just a way of upsetting visitors.
- Free (cheap) and much more regulars bus to Pass or to Rhyd Ddu/Ranger as in Ski Resorts.
- Park & ride and bus service is unreliable – need to be free of charge & regular.
- Parking issues – allow farmers to create temporarily parking for busy weekends. Better signage to deter parking on the urban clearway – tickets are bad PR for Snowdonia!
- Maes Parcio gwell neu yn dal mwy o geir yn Pen y Gwryd. *Better car park or accommodating more cars in Pen y Gwryd.*
- Parking for climbers in the pass is difficult in Summer due to no of cars.
- Stop giving people parking tickets at Pen y Gwryd and bring in more meter spaces – its very unwelcoming to tickets scores of visitors each weekend.
- Increased parking controls i.e ticket wardens all day every day during high season.
- Better signage for Pay & display car parks.
- Gwell arwyddo o'r llwybr o Penygwryd i fyny i Pen y Pass. *Better signage for the path from Penygwryd up to Pen y Pass.*
- Datblygu llwybr troed o Nant Peris i fyny i Pen y Pass osgoi i pobl gerdded ar y ffordd fawr. *Develop a footpath from Nant Peris up to Pen y Pass to avoid people walking on the road.*
- Arwyddion mwy amlwg ar lwybr uchod (PYP – Pen y Gwryd). *More obvious signs on above path (PYP – Pen y Gwryd).*

- Bad or no signage means paths (Pen y Gwryd & Pen y Pass) not used
- Make it clear that Llanberis High Street is two way traffic!!
- More signposted cycle tracks – e.g around Llyn Padarn / Llyn Peris / Llanberis to Waunfawr
- Provision of accessible cycle paths and tracks, buses etc.
- Arwyddion i atal beicwyr ddefnyddio llwybaru plwyf a glynnu wrth lwybrau ceffyl. *Signs to prevent cyclists using parish paths and adhere to bridleways.*
- Rhwystro beicwyr fynd ar lwybrau yr Wyddfa. Prevent cyclists from going on Snowdon paths.
- Codi tal ar rasys/digwyddiadau codi pres ar yr Wyddfa. Charge for fund raising races/events on Snowdon.
- Local levy per visit to parish / community
- Management of 3 peaks challenge groups / control of providers/provision/levy fee?

3.5 Leisure and tourism

Beddgelert

- Upper Watkin needs improvement.
- Rubbish bags left in Watkin Path car park by visitors (and holiday home users).
- Energy gel packs left by cyclists prior to climbing up Pass to PYG.
- Education Programme – Outreach work to educate people before they get to Snowdon:
 - Simple clear information at start of paths – not diluted by conservation, nature or corporate information
 - No excessive or unnecessary waymarking, cairns etc
- Develop 'alternative' Snowdon circular route to a high – even cyclable standard ✓
- Improve public transport links (& publicise)
- Number of “events” seems to be on the increase! More and more of these include cycling. Although it's an obviously ecological activity – increasing events mean increase in training and fast cycling. There's already been one serious accident at Rhyd Ddu.
- Events – at certain times of the year seem to be every other weekend and include signs – some painted on the road.

Waunfawr

- Pobl yn defnyddio beics ar lwybrau cerdded. 'scrambler' ac off roading ar y mynyddoedd (Moel Eilio) – diffyg gwybodaeth/dealltwriaeth. People using bikes on footpaths. 'Scrambler' and off roading in the mountains (Moel Eilio) - lack of knowledge / understanding.
- Gwahardd beics mynydd o'r Wyddfa. Prohibit mountain bikes on Snowdon.

- Handgliders/paragliders ar Moel Eilio dychryn da byw yn enwedig amser wyna. *Handgliders/paragliders on Moel Eilio frighten livestock especially at lambing time.*
- Pobl yn taflu sbwriel. *People throwing rubbish.*
- Pwysigrwydd addysgu, cod ymwybyddiaeth a meithrin parch. *The importance of education, awareness code and fostering respect.*
- Gormod o rاسus a 'triathlons' ymlaen heb ddim parch i dirfeddianwyr gyda cwmniau o bell yn elwa – cytuno ✓ *Too many races and triathlons going on with no respect for landowners, and companies from afar getting the benefit!! - agreed ✓*
- Cwmniau preifat yn manteisio yn arianol ar dir preifat – paraglidio, teithiau tywys ayyb heb gyfrannu i'r tîr feddianwr. *Private Companies capitalizing financially on private land - paragliding, guided tours etc without contributing to the landowner.*
- Cadw gwartheg ar dir agored yn mynd yn amhosib oherwydd 'claim culture'. Keeping cattle on open land becoming impossible because of the 'claim culture'
- Too much 'Wild Camping' with D of E groups.
- Lack of waymarking many walkers rightly or wrongly aren't educated in Public Rights of Way.
- Pobl yn cario pleiers / torri ffensys. *People carrying pliers/ cutting fences.*
- Highlighting how Government (local/national) can better support local communities maximise income generation from tourism. Currently this is lacking and outdated.
- Ensuring visitors can easily access information to add value to their visit as well as passing on safety info relevant.
- As an example Llanberis could be offering so much more to visitors (and thus boosting local economy/jobs) People want to come and spend their money. Look to alpine resort for visitor incentives.
- Adventurous activities (beyond walking) could be better promoted – look to the Lake District for how they promote these.
- Gollwng enw 'Snowdon' a defnyddio Yr Wyddfa. *Stop using 'Snowdon' and use Yr Wyddfa.*
- Cyflwyno cynllun parcio "preswylwyr" mewn rhannau o gymunedau. *Introduce a 'residents' car park in parts of communities.*
- Amser i feddwl am god ital ar gerddwyr a.y.y.b i'r rannu wedyn yn yr economi leol. *Time to think about charging walkers etc., to be shared then in local communities.*

Llanberis

- Guidance given to large charity / corporate events to minimise impact on the mountain and its community.
- Above needs to be coordinated so events don't clash.
- Too many events in a weekend causes major problems across parking, litter, access etc and needs a better approach.
- Mwy o gydlynnu/Cofrestru ar ddigwyddiadau hel arian sy'n gallu bod yn bla! *More co-ordination/ registration of fund raising events which can be a nuisance.*
- Events that contribute little to the local community.

- A oes modd rheoli faint o deithiau noddedig sy'n defnyddio'r Wyddfa?? *Is it possible to control the number of sponsored events that use Snowdon??*
- Rheolaeth ar faint o gystadleuthau sy'n defnyddio'r Wyddfa. *Control the number of competitions that use Snowdon.*
- Cynllun i ymwelwyr gyfranu at gostau cynnal a chadw'r llwybrau yn wirfoddol. *Scheme for visitors to voluntarily contribute towards the maintenance of paths.*
- No mountain bike trails or organised activities.
- Too much emphasis on "activity" holidays – which causes difficulties for many services.
- Gwell gwybodaeth yn y manau llety am yr Wyddfa – dal i weld pobl, yn arbennig yn y gaeaf yn dringo i'r copa a ddim wedi paratoi'n iawn. Tynnu perchnogion gwesteion a llefydd gwely a brecwast i mewn i ddeallt yr Wyddfa'n well er mwyn iddynt allu pasio'r wybodaeth ymlaen am y nodweddion, rhinweddau, enwau lleodd ac ati. *Better information in the accommodation establishments about Snowdon - still see people, particularly in winter, climbing to the summit and not properly prepared. Draw guesthouse and B&B owners in to understand Snowdon better so that they can pass on the information about the characteristics, qualities, place names etc.*
- Signage coming into Llanberis; I've seen many many near misses at the Glyn Rhonwy turn off.
- Gwell rheolaeth o ysbwriel ar y copa ger Hafod Eryri yn ystod tymor y gaeaf. (Arwydd/cydweithio gyda Cymdeithas Eryri). *Better control of litter at the summit near Hafod Eryri during the winter season (sign/ work with the Snowdon Society).*
- Litter – fly tipping ✓✓
- Meddwl nad yw llawer o bobl ar y llwybrau poblogaidd yn ystyried y peryglon – ddim yn trin yr wyddfa fel mynydd mawr all fod yn berygl. Angen mwy o rybuddion? *Think that many people on the popular paths do not think of the risks – they are not treating Snowdon as a big mountain which can be dangerous. Need more warnings?*
- Managed mtb trails – uplifts & marked trails such as Blaenau & Marin.
- 150,000 people on railway – advertising on train? At Station have a collaborative booking office for other things to do in Snowdonia.

3.6 Heritage, culture and language

Beddgelert

- Local schools do not use the local resources which are on the doorstep e.g outdoor education for youngsters.
- Need for all Local school children to have the opportunity to climb Snowdon and learn about its history / culture to embed 'Yr Wyddfa' in the local educational experience X They already do!
- The Welsh language needs to be celebrated and promoted as an attraction rather than being seen as a problem. Be proud of it encourage us to use a few words e.g Yr Wyddfa!

- Encourage use / prompt use of local names for places, features as promoted by Antur Enwau project.
- To encourage & promote local culture with less emphasis on Welsh language (the language is here and doing well!)
- Part of the deal
- Encourage Welsh language. I now use more on our website to encourage potential visitors
- Constant use of bilingual signs and info - heritage include footpath and the history of walking, climbing in the area
- Fine as it is
- Yes - the partnership needs to reinforce the fact that heritage culture and language are central to the vision.

Waunfawr

- Mwy o bobl lleol yn cael swyddi yn ymwneud â twristiaeth. Da ni yn deall be sydd yma yn medru esbonio pa mor arbennig yw'r lle yr hanes ac ati. *More local people getting jobs related to tourism. We understand what's good here can explain how special the place is, the history and so on.*
- Heb fywoliaeth teg i ffermwyr yr ardal bydd y diboblogi'r boblogaeth cynhenid yn dirywio ac effaith hyn ar yr iaith Gymraeg yn enfawr. *Without a fair livelihood for the area's farmers there will be a fall in indigenous population, and its impact on the Welsh language will be huge.*
- Cael gwaith a tâl teg i'r pobl lleol, drwy ganiatau rhywfaint o ddatblygiadau a fyddai'n creu gwaith. *Get work and fair pay for local people, by allowing a degree of development that would create employment.*
- Braf eto yw gweld popeth yn ddwy ieithog – gwarth nad yw pob sefydliad/ busnes/menter twristiaeth hefyd yn hollol ddwy ieithog. Pa bwysau/ perswad sydd yn bosib? *Nice to see everything bilingual again - shame that not every organization / business / tourism enterprise also completely bilingual. What pressure / persuasion is possible?*
- Mae 56% yn drist iawn!! [yn cyfeirio at y canran sy'n defnyddio'r Gymraeg yng Gwynedd] Angen cadw swyddi yma hefo cyflogau da i bobl Gymraeg. *56% is very sad!! [Refers to the percentage use of Welsh in Gwynedd] Need to keep these jobs with good wages for Welsh people.*
- 56% yn dangos effaith negyddol mae mewnfudwyr yn ei gael ar ein ardal. *56% shows the negative impacts that immigrants have on our area.*
- Gollwng enw "Snowdonia" ac "Snowdon" a defnyddio ebw Cymraeg ✓ *Stop using "Snowdonia" and "Snowdon" and use the Welsh names ✓*
- Beth os o gwbl yw'r materion, y pryderon yr heriau neu'r cyfleoedd a welch mewn perthynas â threftadaeth, diwylliant ac iaith ar yr Wyddfa a gerllaw? *What if anything are the issues, concerns, challenges or opportunities you see in relation to heritage, culture and language on Snowdon and nearby?*
- Y tri cyn bwysiced a unrhyw beth. Angen gwarchod enwau lleoedd hanesyddol beth am newid enw 'Mallory's Bar'! Rhaid rhoi perswad ar fusnesau a safloedd twristiaeth e.e Sygun, Rheilffordd yr Wyddfa i fod yn hollol ddwyieithog. *The three are as important as anything. There is a need to protect historical local names, what about changing the name*

'Mallory's Bar'! Businesses and tourist sites e.g. Sygun, Snowdon Railway, need persuasion to become totally bilingual.

- Striking a balance between sharing and opening up sites with concerning their history and intinancy ??? If urban petting farms are so popular with families in urban areas couldn't there be more opportunity to access working hill farms for families/visitors to learn more about them.

Llanberis

- Pwysig bod yna statws yn cael ei roi i ddiwylliant yr Iaith Gymraeg mewn unrhyw ddatblygiadau. *Important that status is given to the Welsh language and culture in any development.*
- Sicrhau amlygedd i'r Gymraeg. Nifer o ymwelwyr ddim yn ymwybodol ohoni. *Make the Welsh language obvious, a number of visitors are not aware of it.*
- Rhan o amod cynllunio fod enwau tyddynod ac adeiladau cyffelyb yn glynnu i'r enw Cymraeg gwreiddiol. ✓✓ *Should be part of planning permission that the names of houses and similar buildings keep to the original Welsh name. ✓✓*
- Cyfleuon i datblygu mwy ar yr enwau cynhenid – annog arweinwyr ac ati i'w defnyddio a'u ynghanu'n iawn. *Opportunities to develop more of the indigenous names – encourage leaders etc to use and pronounce them properly.*
- The landscape itself is timeless – anything we add detracts from that.
- Signage/publication on historical site such as Tre Ceiri - fine example or Hill farm.
- App i gyfleu'r nodweddion. *App to convey the characteristics*
- The signage and info available at the top of the Pass is brilliant!

3.7 Rural economy

Beddgelert

- Encourage greater diversity – get local people included in the "outdoor industry". Reduce depending and reliance on agricultural subsidies. Outcomes should be measured in landscape protection, habitat management not kgs of lamb produced!
- Speak to 'Outdoor Partnership' about a project to get more locals involved. Circular infrastructure might give more business opportunities.
- Snowdonia National Park Authority must be properly funded. Without this insufficient staff will be employed to maintain the area for tourists – the area's main industry!
- Work with Gwynedd Council to maintain / develop / promote outdoor access around the N Park not just in the NP. Protect Gwynedd Footpath team from cuts!
- SNPA must must change and move forward not always looking back.
- A lot of local people regard SNPA and National Trust as 'The opposition' mainly from planning disputes which appear very one sided.

Waunfawr

- Rhaid mynd o ma i ennill cyflog go lew. *We have to leave here to get a decent wage.*
- Be ydi'r gwaith sydd yma? Sector cyhoeddus a be arall? *What work is there here? Public sector and what else?*
- Rhaid cael mwy o waith i bobl lleol o fewn y Parc er mwyn cael y gorau i'r ardal. *We must get more work for local people in the Park in order to get the best for the area.*
- Siopa pentref i gyd wedi cau e.e Waunfawr. *All village shops have closed e.g. Waunfawr*
- More support for community energy schemes – benefit locally rather than just to landowners ✓✓✓✓
- Better transport links to allow flow of local people/visitors between communities - ✓✓✓
- Trafnidiaeth cyhoeddus gwell, cyson a dibynadwy – Cytuno. Better, regular and dependable public transport ✓
- Cutundebau rheolaeth i ffermwyr sydd yn ?? i'w busnesau a'i tir. *Control regulations for farmers who ?? their businesses and land.*
- With the shift in employment of locals from traditional farming to more tourism based roles good management on Snowdon and within NPA will aid sustainability and avoid conflict with the environment as well as help protect the heritage.
- Canolfan ymwelwyr gan PCE yn Aberdyfi ond nid yn Llanberis. *SNP has centre in Aberdyfi but not Llanberis.*

Llanberis

- Bod cynlluniau trydan dwr ac ati yn cael eu rheoli gan gymunedau lleol - angen arweiniad / cefnogaeth i alluogi hyn i ddigwydd. Cytuno ✓ *Hydro electric schemes etc are controlled by local communities – need leadership/ support so this can happen. Agree ✓*
- Diffyg swyddi llawn amser i drigolion lleol, yn y diwydiant twristiaeth. *Lack of full-time jobs for local residents in the tourism industry.*
- Rhaid cofio bod prif ddefnydd o'r tir yn amaethyddiaeth. *Must remember that the main land use is agriculture.*
- Remember that the main use of the land is farming.
- Mwy o annog ymwelwyr i brynu cynnyrch lleol. Dylai'r caffi ar y copa ac yn y gwaelod werthu creffttau / cynnyrch lleol yn unig. *More encouragement for visitors to buy local produce. The summit cafe and at the base of the mountain should sell local crafts/ produce only.*

3.8 Any other issues

Beddgelert

- Dim Cwn o gwbl – hambygio defail a lladd. *No dogs at all – they disturb and kill sheep.*
- Bobl i fwcio l ddod i fyny'r Wyddfa – y mynydd yn rhy llawn ar adegau. *People should book to go up Snowdon – the mountain is too crowded at times.*
- Overuse by untrained / unled 'challenge' events

- Overuse by challenge type events ✓
- Parking – particularly in the Llanberis Pass.
- Overgrazing
- Fences with barbed wire on
- Half finished built paths / erosion
- Stone bags littering the mountain ✓
- Park Authority must maintain planning control otherwise will not be maintained to the appropriate standard to ensure Tourist Industry will continue to prosper.
- Park must relax planning to help encourage development
- Planning applications should be treated with consistency not changes depending on the planning officer!
- Trwy gyd weithio a cynllunio gofalus gellir ateb gofynio 2-6 ar y cyd. *By working together and planning carefully, we can fulfil the requirements of 2-6 together.*
- Make the 3 peaks participants pay for the privilege
- Hafod Eryri - Mountain Railway management at time poor service!
- Perhaps look at the 'wider' Dimension. Establish links with similar groups in other parts of UK or Europe.

Waunfawr

- Diolch yn fawr – hope the conversation continues!
- Diolch yn fawr iawn. *Thank you very much.*
- Good to have this consultation – seminar
- Rhaid diffinio heb oedi yr union ardal sydd dan sylw yma. *We have to define straight away the exact area highlighted here.*
- Who is on the LAF? Do they represent all users?
- A large percentage of people walking up Snowdon don't have maps don't have the understanding, experience of mountains – who 'represents' them?
- How many local school children really know their local footpaths, could give visitors direction. In Llanfairfechan yesterday I was asked by 2 14-15yrs old girls "where are we we are lost?" They were at the top of the village 1/2 mile from their homes had never been on a walk up above the village on footpath!! Do the children in villages around Snowdon do better?
- If the area is to be set up as a 'partnership' maybe a member group of producers (food/produce) could be set up as a 'PGI' same as 'welsh lamb' maybe by extending the area to cover more businesses (i.e hand made goods, speciality café/shops etc)
- Be great to be kept up to date and to be able to raise questions and concerns - find out more e.g are the slopes over stocked? Could cattle control the bracken rather than sheep grazing. Why don't the buses turn up etc!!
- There are a number of bridleways on Snowdon but due to the nature of path conservation these have become difficult or dangerous for equestrians - steep stone should not be a feature of a bridleway. Many horse riders fall into the "less able" category and therefore bridleways should be DDE compliant.

Llanberis

- Mae'n gwestiwn o 'barch' – annog parch at y lle ac at y ffordd o fyw. *It is a question of 'respect' – encourage respect towards the place and way of life.*
- Wardens empowered to fine littering where practical
- Litter ASB Wardens to be empowered to fine / report flytipping litter droppers - fine irresponsible / unnecessary person rescued. Community payback workers on path clean ups.
- Wardens being punitive to PPI they see littering. It needs responsible policing
- Don't change leave it as it is.
- Youth Inclusion – empowerment – training – careers / affordable social housing
- Restrict Housing / second holiday homes.
- Ensure event organisers role model responsible use of Snowdonia e.g spraying direction arrows is unacceptable as dropping biodegradable waste.
- Ask all cycle events to register to make sure they are safe & properly handled!
- Corporate sponsorship / for Parc Projects!?
- Bagiau baw cwn yn cael eu taflu. *Dog fouling bags being thrown away.*
- Warning at start of Llanberis Path when Winter conditions are serious and require crampons “Beware of sliding to death”!
- Mae angen llawer mwy o ymgynghoriad gyda'r perchnogion tir a'r porwyr sydd yn cael eu heffeithio gan y bartneriaeth ac unrhyw gynllun a all ddatblygu o hyn. Dylai yr unigolion yma gael gwahoddiad i fod yn rhan o'r grwp. Heb yr unigolion teuluoedd yma ni fyddai unrhyw un o'r rhannau uchod yn bodoli gan mae amaeth sydd wedi llunio ac yn parhau i lunio a chynnal y tirlun yn ei harddwch presenol. *We need a lot more consultation with landowners and graziers who are affected by the partnership and any scheme that can develop from this. These individuals should be invited to be part of the group. Without these individuals and families none of the above parts would exist because agriculture has shaped and continues to shape the landscape and maintain its current beauty.*
- Resist any 'management' and 'development' by large foreign developers. Do not over exploit the freedom to roam in the area - remember those responsible for the land. Curtail activity, activity, activity for too much stressed is placed on this to the ? of the place and tranquility that is already in the area and is valued by all. Noise pollution is increasingly a problem from helicopters (other than the rescue ones). Activity tourism puts a strain on local services.

4. Additional Feedback from questionnaires

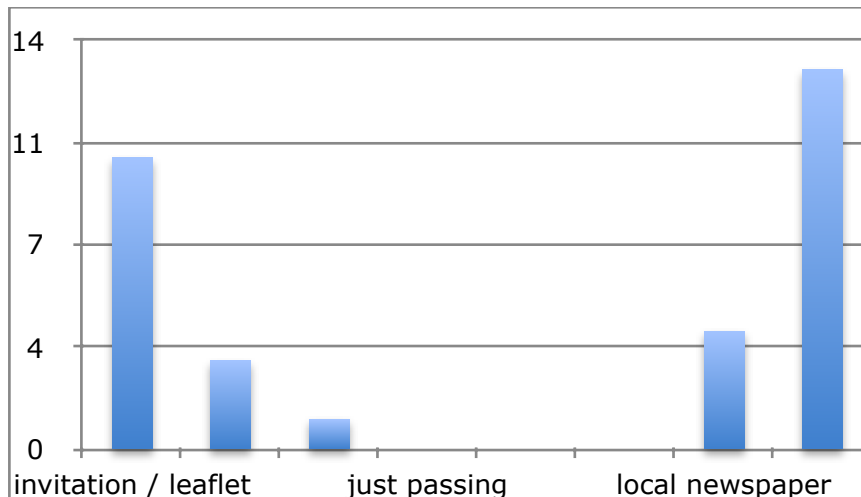
Many questions in the questionnaire mirrored those on the exhibition panels, and responses to them have been included in the appropriate sections above.

Other questionnaire responses are reproduced below.

4.1 About participants

Twenty-nine people signed-in to the events. Several of them were accompanied by another member of their household who did not give additional contact details, but did add their views and ideas. We estimate the the number of people who took part in the event was between fourty and fifty.

4.2 How did participants find out about the event(s)?



Many drop-in participants had received an invitation directly from partnership members, but most were informed of the event through friends or social media, particularly Facebook & twitter.

4.3 What particular interest(s) or concern(s) prompted participants' attendance?

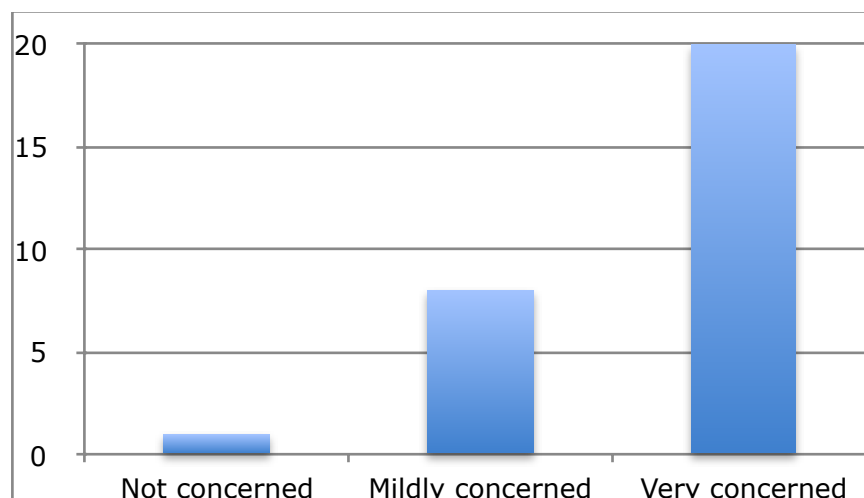
- visitors numbers & car parking & Litter issues
- Snowdon is in my back garden
- Mynediad, gwarchod tirwedd. *Access, landscape protection.*
- Online - Twitter
- Wanted to see what other people's thoughts where as well! Even though we are commercial we educate our environment etc. Don't like big operators taking huge groups up mountains – damaging area
- user/walker/climber/guide/business owner
- Gweithio ar y mynydd yn gwarchod/ rheoli natur. *Working on the mountains protects/controls nature.*

- Landscape, environment, access, paths
- General concerns
- Continuing concern for the area - love the area where I have lived for over 40 years
- Live and farm on Snowdon. Passionately believe we need change
- How will the huge pressures which ?... To ?... A multifunctional landscape be accommodated within the Snowdon area
- Pryderu am gerddwyr yn mynd o bentref Beddgelert i gopa'r Wyddfa. Mae llawer mwy o drespasu ar fy nhir oherwydd hyn. *Worry about walkers going from Beddgelert village to the summit of Snowdon. Lot more trespassing on my land because of this.*
- General
- Parking issues / transport
- General interest in SNP, particular interest in biodiversity, conservataion, regular walker in NP would more low/mid level paths.
- Land management issues. Open gates, dog worrying, littering & car parking in gateways
- Sounded a great initiative
- I am a regular walker in the area. I am a member of the Snowdonia Society. I enjoy horse riding and would welcome more opportunity to enjoy this on the Snowdon bridleways.
- Rural Management - local government influence on visitors
- Wedi treulio oes yn byw yng ngolwg yr Wyddfa yn teithio drosti ac yn dysgu lluo o ddisgyblion uwchradd am odidogrwydd y mynydd arbennig yma. *Having spent a lifetime living in the sight of Snowdon, travelling all over it, and teaching a host of secondary pupils about the splendour of this particular mountain.*
- Diddordeb ym mhob agwedd sy'n ymwneud a'r ardal a'r gymuned yn y lle arbennig yma. *Interested in all aspects relating to the area and the community in this special place.*
- Person lleol. Diddordeb yn y tirwedd a'r diwylliant lleol. Gwirfoddoli fel warden ar yr wyddfa. Hoffi cerdded mynyddoedd. Local person. *Interested in the local landscape and culture, Volunteer as a warden on Snowdon. Love walking in the mountains.*
- I am concerned about the number of visitors on Snowdon on busy Summer days especially as most of them do not contribute to the local community. A system of charging should be introduced
- Enforcement – flytips
- The presentation of the natural and welsh heritage of our "cynefin"

4.4 Participants' relationship with the Snowdon area?

- **20** participants said they **live within 5 miles of Snowdon's summit**
- **11** participants **work within 5 miles of Snowdon's summit**, while a further **13 work** within the **wider National Park area**.
- **9** described themselves as having a **work / professional interest** in the subject matter
- **1** participant has a holiday home within the area.

4.5 How concerned are you about how the mountain is managed today to deliver social, environmental & economic benefits?

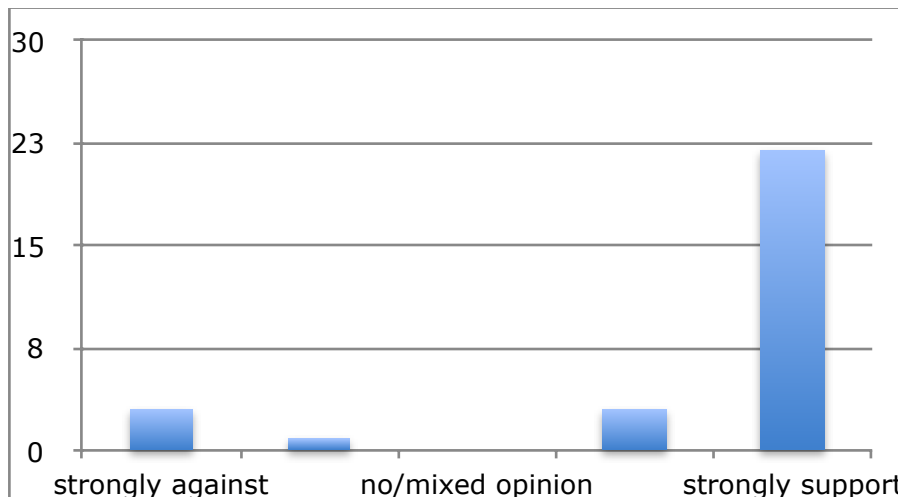


Comments

- Dim digon o adnoddau. Y teimlad fod gweithgareddau hamdden yn cael ei edrych ar fel bod yn eilradd i reolaeth tir neu amaeth. *Not enough resources. A feeling that leisure activities are seen as inferior to land control or agriculture.*
- This is a great initiative to start to pull things together and look to the future.
- We need to look after Snowdon for future generations & wildlife.
- Without good management of the mountain the environment would be destroyed.
- Diffyg adnoddau i'w reoli yn sgil cynnydd defnydd gan y cyhoedd. *Lack of resources to control it following more use by the public.*
- Great work by the SNPA team. They need sufficient resources, support from Gwynedd Council. Better transport links for visitors.
- Transport facilities for visitors. More linear footpaths.
- Need to continue all the good work of the last 30 years.
- Must balance Economic - this helps every other activity.
- V important that these are benefits to the local population and that visitors appreciate what a special mountain this is.
- Needs better parking and better information for walkers. Organised events need better management to prevent overuse of footpaths & erosion.
- Cofiaf yr hyn oedd i'w gael ar yr Wyddfa yng nghanol y ganrif ddiwethaf a'r galw am fwy o waith adferol. *I remember what was available on Snowdon in the middle of the last century and the demand for more remedial work.*
- Yn bryderus am ei fod mor bwysig i gael y rheolaeth cystal a bydd yn bosib i ddiogelu'r man pwysig yma. Gwaith da yn cael ei wneud ond bob amser lle i wella. *Concerned because it's so important to have as good control as possible to protect this important area. Good work is being done but always room for improvement.*

- Credaf fod y mynydd gyda'i holl ymwelwyr yn cael ei reoli'n dda. Mae'r nifer o bobl sy'n ei ddringo yn fy mhryderu a'r nifer sydd yn ei ddefnyddio fel her. *I believe that the mountain with all its visitors is being well managed. The number of people climbing it concerns me, and the number who use it as a challenge.*
- The existing system of mountain management seems to be working fine considering the landscape . More attention should be given to path maintenance.
- Cofnod o reolaeth ar amaeth dim digon ar y twristiaid a'r cerddwyr. *Record of control over agriculture, not enough on tourists and walkers.*
- Main thing for me is how few local people/kids actually go up Snowdon! How Snowdon can be used to keep visitors in Llanberis.
- The area is iconic because it remains 'underdeveloped' and long may it remain so once its gone its gone.

4.6 How supportive are you of *something* being done to improve management of the mountain environment?

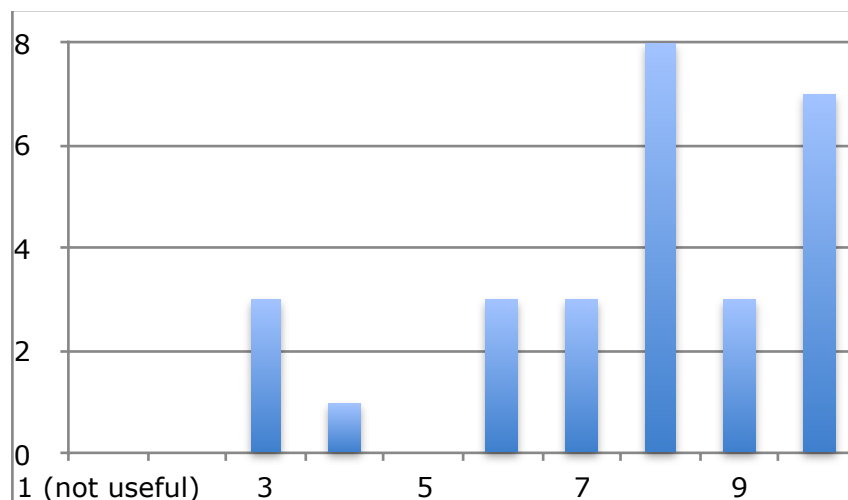


- Ond mae'n holl bwysig cael cytundeb gan holl rhanddaliadwyr gan gynnwys defnyddwyr adloniant a hamdden yn ogystal a buddianau masnachol. *But it is very important to get agreement from all stakeholders including leisure and recreational users as well as business interests.*
- Depends on how this is done and whether those with regulatory responsibilities just try to pass this off to others
- The area is so well used and its importance to the financial well being of the area. Tourism being the main industry Yr Wyddf's importance management vital.
- Management?
- The SNP and Partnership must have the resources to continue to manage this v high value environment and landscape so it does not deteriorate.
- Would be to incorporate an educational programme to get schools out, learning the area, history environment.
- Deepends what this management includes.
- Yn arbenning yn yr ardal hon. Mae'r wyddfa yn 'bot mel' gyda rheilffordd a chaffi ar y copa uchaf yng Nghymru a Lloegr. Oherwydd hyn mae'n

hanfodol i weithredu'n briodol ac mewn da bryd. Is *special in this area*. *Snowdon is a 'honey pot' with railway and cafe on the highest peak in England and Wales. For this reason it is essential to take appropriate and timely action.*

- Gwaith anodd yw darganfod y dulliau call, gorau i warchod y lle yma. Mae'n bwysig cael pethau yn iawn trwy roi llais i ystod eang o safbwyntiau. *It is difficult to find the best and most sensible way to protect this place. It is important to get things right by giving voice to a wide range of perspectives.*
- Mae'n le gwaith i ffarmwr, yn fan o ddi-ddordeb arbenning ar lefel Brydeinig ac Ewropeaidd or ran bywyd gwyllt a daeareg a thirwedd yn lle mae 500,000 yn ymweld ag o - pwysig ei reoli'n dda. *It is a place of work for farmers, a place of special interest at British and European levels for wildlife, geology and landscape, and a place with 500,000 visitors - important is well managed.*
- Mae'r mynydd wedi ei reoli yn effeithiol gan amaethwyr ers canrifoedd, heb amaeth a phori ni fyddai mynediad i'r mynydd yn bosibl. Yr elfen sydd angen ei reoli yn llawer llymach yw y twristiaid a'r cerddwyr sydd yn camddefnyddio'r adnoddau syd yn eu denu yma sydd wedi ei luno gan y diwydiant amaeth. *The mountain has been effectively controlled by farmers for centuries, without agriculture and grazing it would not be possible to access the mountain. The element that needs to be managed more robustly is tourists and walkers who are abusing resources that attract them here, which have been formed by the agricultural industry.*
- Should be our no.1 priority
- Its attraction is its raw natural state. It must not be destroyed. The first and main priority is agriculture and not tourism and leisure.

4.7 How useful have you found the event in explaining the aims of the Partnership?



- Braidd yn fyr rybydd. *A bit short notice.*
- Really excited to see this process start.
- Good information on the posters. Interesting to see comments

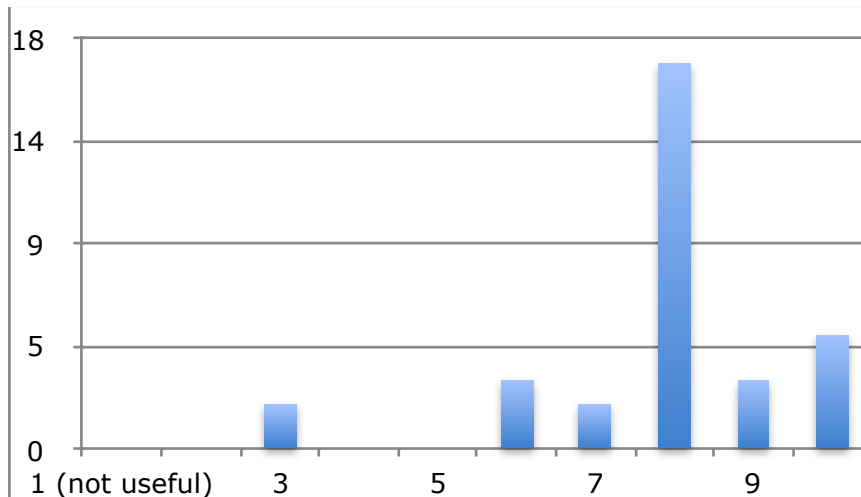
- It is a very good start people appreciate the fact that there is an engagement process
- Byddai crynodeb electroneg gyda'r gwahoddiad wedi hwyluso syniadau. *An electronic summary with the invitation would have prompted ideas.*
- People living, working and using the National Park should be aware of the work of the Partnership
- Confusing / Ambiguous questions
- Mae angen manylion llawer iawn cliriach am yr ardal sydd o dan ystyriaeth ar hyn sydd gan y bartneriaeth mewn golwg fel canlyniad i'r gwaith. *Need much clearer details about the area being considered that the partnership has in mind as a result of the work.*
- The partnership tends to favour exploitation of the area. There is insufficient local representation and 'developers' are muscling in on the management.

4.8 What [if anything] would you like to know more about, or to have explained more clearly, relating to the work the partnership does and aspires to do in the future?

- Mwy o fewn bwn gan fudiadau hamdden ac adloniant. *More input from leisure and recreational bodies.*
- Keep local people informed ensure all users are considered. Make representation to local assembly members - Welsh Gov - pressure to maintain ?
- Planning involvement of the businesses in the area. The largest letting company aren't even asked - Dioni Cottages
- I think it has been well too much information can surely influence opinion
- Sut mae'r gyllideb i wireddu unrhyw amcan yn cael ei sicrhau? *How will the budget to realize any objective be secured?*
- Byddai'n ddal cael gwybodaeth am weithgareddau 'r Bartneriaeth ar y we mewn man hygyrch (efallai ei fod yno'n barod). *It would be good to have information about the Partnership's activities on the internet in an accessible place (perhaps it is already).*
- An update of the partnership activities in the local press.
- Is this Snowdon only. Snowdon & immediate area Snowdonia National Parki N.S?
- Very little has been said about the nature of the proposed 'development' by the partnership - details are required.

4.9 How useful have you found the event in allowing you to contribute your ideas and concerns?

How useful have you found the event in allowing you to contribute your ideas and concerns to the list of issues local people, visitors and others identify as being important to improving management of the mountain and contributing to the Snowdon Partnership's aims?



- This is a good introduction for individuals. It's quite hard to contribute new ideas when coming to it 'cold' but still useful
- Good you are to three Main communities around Yr Wyddfa
- There was a lot of information to take in could much of the information have been published online in advance to give us chance to research and provide more time to give a response.
- Anodd weithiau yw egluro pryderon yn gryno ac effeithiol yn ysgrifenedig yn ystod diwyddiad fel hwn. Anodd hefyd rhoid barn hanner ffordd drwy'r broses / ymgyrch. *Sometimes it is difficult to explain in writing one's concerns in a concise and effective manner during events like this. Also difficult to give a view half way through the process/ campaign.*
- I am very pleased to have the opportunity to express my views on such an important issue.
- Ar hyn o bryd mae'r cynllwyn ag uchelgais y grwp mor anelwig, mae'n anodd iawn rhoi sylwadau pendant. *At this time the scheme and the group's ambition is so ambiguous it is very difficult to give specific comments.*
- Will anybody listen? Is this move to let 'developers' in on the management designed to permit 'estron' to invest in new unwanted and detrimental changes?
- 15 happy faces.
- 1 sad face
- Gives everyone an opportunity to voice ideas and issues
- Great info, good to give opinions re use of Snowdon and very important to increase local involvement in future developments.

APPENDIX: Additional feedback from other sources

Twitter

Fiona @FionaJDavies 1h1 hour ago
@WardenEryri we really need to come up with an idea to get people to close gates after them
0 retweets 1 favourite
Reply Retweet Favorited 1

Fiona @FionaJDavies 1h1 hour ago
@WardenEryri we are lucky we live (farm/work) in such an amazing place, it also means we are probably in the highest #human traffic area..

Fiona @FionaJDavies 53m53 minutes ago
@WardenEryri which means a lot of gates left open, especially #Maesgwm propped with a stone! Annoying as new #Herdwicks have now escaped!

Fiona @FionaJDavies
PGI, dim just efo cig, sa lot o petha gallu dod I mewn...gwaith coed, bwyd, gwin, etc... Lot yn defnyddio snowdonia yn enw products nhw, ella fysa na lot o diddordeb :) ec.europa.eu/agriculture/quality/schemes/index_en.htm
PGI, not just with meat, there's a lot of other products too...woodwork, food, wine, etc...Lots use the name Snowdonia in their products name, there might be a lot of interest :) ec.europa.eu/agriculture/quality/schemes/index_en.htm

Via phone

"Need toilets on the Llanberis side (6 weeks of the year at peak time)"

Via Email

Dear Helen,

I have seen your website on "Snowdon Partnership" and so I would like to give you my views on the topic. Below is an e-mail which I have sent to the BMC.

In summary, I think that the National Park Authority is doing a great job, and there are no problems to be solved. I am against such steps as putting up signposts (large engraved slate blocks) as have appeared all over Snowdon over the last year. These detract from the wild character of the mountain.

Regards,

Peter Friend

Dear Helen,

I note there is at present there is a consultation exercise on matters relating to Snowdon being organised by the Park authorities, including the provision of facilities for visitors.

Quite clearly Snowdon is a huge draw to people visiting the area, bringing in a huge amount of income for both the residents and the authorities. With every encouragement that they get to visit the area from a number of bodies, there is clearly a problem if they have travelled by car, in what they do with it when they arrive. The provision for car parking space, particularly in the Pen y Pass / Pen y Gwryd areas, is inadequate for the numbers that visit. Many visitors in their attempt to find car parking space are fined by Gwynedd County Council when they park on the verges of the A4086 or the verge of the Beddgelert road, hardly providing them with a welcome and certainly not an incentive to return.

It does appear that Conwy Country Borough Council are more understanding of the difficulties, as they do not have their section of the road patrolled by an enforcement officer.

Do you and your fellow officers agree that there is a car parking problem in the area mentioned? If so I wonder if there are any plans to resolve it?

I do also think that there should be a more prominent sign at the Pen y Gwryd, indicating the start of the footpath to the Pen y Pass; ideally there would be a link to the excellent footpath that has now been created, from the road junction at the Gwryd.

I would be very happy to discuss these two matters with you on some occasion, if you thought there would be any value in meeting,

Best wishes

Harvey Lloyd

Diolch am y wybodaeth isod.

Os na allaf fynd wnei di plis ddweud wrth y bobl 'iawn' faint mor siomedig ydwi i yn bersonol ac fel Clwb Cerdded lleol nad oes nwyddau cymraeg yn y siop yn y Hafod Eryri. 'Rydym yno'n flynyddol ac yn dweud ur un peth bob blwyddyn. Y ddadl ydi nad Y Parc sy'n rhedeg y caffî a'r trê'n ond faint o arian cyhoeddus sydd wedi cael ei roi iddynt dros y blynyddoedd a chredaf ei fod yn ddyletsywydd iddynt fod yn ddwyieithog.

Thankyou for the information below.

If I can't make it, could you please mention to the relevant people how personally dissapointed I am as a member of a local walking club that there isn't welsh products in the siop in Hafod Eryri. We're there anually and say the same every year. That argument is that it's not the Park that runs the shop and trian but how much public money has been given to them over the years and I thinks it's their responsibility for them to be bilingual.

Hwyl Ann

Via Letter

From:

Dafydd Morris and Family

Hafodty

Cwm Brwynog

Llanberis.

Snowdon – Have Your Say

If the pamphlet referred to above includes getting ideas and comments from the true owners of Snowdon my response is as follows.

The number of people and dogs, that go onto Snowdon on a daily basis, is totally irrational and absolute madness and as far as those who claim that they are custodians, who and what are they guarding? That is apart from their own idle luxurious jobs.

There is only one Snowdon, and that very Snowdon has a definite boundary line, and the boundaries must be shown correctly on maps, this point is extremely important because, for example, when looking into and assessing the terrible mess, there is far too much visitor pressure on Snowdon, the number of people who are there on any particular day seems more acceptable when it is said that Snowdon measures 200 thousand acres, when in fact the correct measure is only 100 thousand acres. Misleading each other instrumentally aggravates the situation further. So please, please put the boundary line in the appropriate place to show where Snowdon is.

An unreasonable amount of people are eroding the paths and the landscape, and paving the paths with stone is not the right answer either, because tired feet choose to walk on the land yet again, and consequently the land suffers time and time again, and the work that has been undertaken to pave the path that runs from Llanberis over our land, has caused serious landscape erosion.

What's happening on Snowdon is a cause for great concern for the family, no officer or organization or authority is concerned about the condition of the

mountain or for the hassles and losses suffered by the owners who are trying to make a living amid the chaos.

I have thought a lot about a scheme to protect and enhance the surface of Snowdon from Llanberis, and the scheme decided upon was to sell the mountain by the acre, subject to the fact that vegetation, conservation and wildlife would be the result of the initiative, and this scheme cost a lot of time and money.

I had posters made specifically for the enterprise and signs of interest began to appear. Then I contacted an officer from the Snowdonia Park office to ask for permission to put posters on gates or fences near the entrances to Snowdon at four sites. The response of the first officer was that they wanted me to call another person, and they gave me their number, I called this number, but the response was the same, they wanted me to call another number, but this time the answer was, that this person would not be available until the following day, I called the number again the following day but the response I received this time was that the person was on a week's holiday. When I realized that the holiday season was almost over, I decided to put the posters up here and there, this was on a Saturday, and by the following Monday night three of the posters had been stolen.

When I visited Tesco in Caernarfon during the evening, toward the end of that week, I saw the Chief Executive of Snowdonia Park standing near the payment till for goods, I asked him whether he knew who had stolen my posters, and although he did not know, he did know that three of the four posters were at Pen y Pass Nant Peris, and that they were available if I went to get them, and he asked if I would like to receive a letter to confirm the information, and I said I would.

There are several dogs on Snowdon every day. It wouldn't be a surprise if there were more dogs than there are people coming to Snowdon by now. Dogs disturb sheep and cows and sometimes they kill sheep and lambs.

often really and as a result, a decision was made to sell the cows although selling the cows meant suffering a loss and this was unfair, because we own the land. But it is impossible to get the best from it. Hopefully everybody accepts that you have to have order and preparations with a business. It is sad to say that the two principles above have been taken and removed from the grasp of the only people who depend on adhering to a specific order / procedure.

The first principle in my opinion is to protect the Owner of the land and his livelihood, he should be the one who has the right to say how his property should be treated and dealt with, we'll never have any respect or order while the visitors get the impression and think that the land is a "National Park", which suggests that our property is a playground.

Many immigrants to the countryside have been allowed to convert the old buildings into holiday homes and as a result they are able to extract more money from Snowdon than the owner gets, and this without having to pay a penny for undertaking the maintenance work.

The right to roam act entitles people to climb as well. Cwm Arddu is in my possession and it measures one hundred and ten acres including Clogwyn Du'r Arddu, and its spectacular climbs, and there are scores of people who are able to benefit financially from the Cwm, and all I get is pittance for conserving it, however the condition of the Cwm and its contents gets worse, because giving money to protect and support its misuse at the same time is an abuse of taxpayers' money. I understand that there are some who have permission to accommodate visitors including our Cwm and Clogwyn Arddu in their advertisement for visitors.

A long time ago I contacted every member of the Assembly, expressing my concern, asking the question whether the Park would be able to influence the future of individual farmers in Snowdonia because, although our late son Geraint was an exceptional workman, he was looking for some lighter duties when he started suffering from the scourge of Leukemia, and two of his ideas were rejected, although the two gave priority to the environment, order and conservation.

Which suggested to me that the Park can pick and choose agriculturalists for Snowdonia.

It is now the eleventh hour with the condition of the environment, difficulties and dog mess and the condition of the landscape. Action must be taken and these must be protected without further delay.

If you stand on Snowdon and turn on the same spot the landscape below you for about half a mile is more like a quarry than agricultural land.

My Ideas

First of all, there should be clear plaques at every access point to the mountain to say who the Owner of the relevant land is. I would imagine that the public would then have a lot more respect for the land.

It would be easier to manage, if the visitors had to book beforehand. Dogs should be totally banned, and the other options would be to fence both sides of the path.

Action must be taken now, because our livelihood is being threatened, it is obvious that the Assembly's priority is visitors because Wales is the only country in the UE who don't receive the mountain land payment.

It is true that different payments have been offered but it is obvious that they are payments to "make the farm attractive to attract more visitors". It is a

great disappointment to me and several other people that the Assembly and the Park have failed to conserve the highlands and its residents.

The Labour Party has given the right to roam across the highlands including private land quite a few years ago now. Labour discusses stealing lowlands in the countryside if they are elected in May - I just hope that the people of Wales are principled enough not to support theft.

Below is a Welsh poem which reflects the feelings conveyed above.

Dwyn yr Wyddfa Drachefn.

O Gymru fach fy annwyl wlad,
a wyddost ti fod Cynllun brad,
a'r droed er ceisio dwyn drachefn,
ein haberth oes drwy ddrws y cefn.

From:
John Grisdale

Additional Notes – John Grisdale

The Snowdon Partnership

Reminder ...

- The current situation in relation to the condition of Snowdon is reminiscent of the 1970s. Significant funding was secured to restore the footpaths and to protect the special fragile environment.
- Although not as serious as that period, there is a risk that history is repeating itself, especially with the huge increase in users of the mountain (especially so with cyclists).

Funding

- It all comes down to money. It's not so easy to get hold of these days!! Therefore it is essential to co-work and to co-finance, ensuring that the partnership is willing to take responsibility for spending on the Partnership's work. Without identifying funding to achieve the objectives, any discussions and planning without funding from whatever source - preferably from a fund in the middle - will be futile in order to safeguard the area of Snowdon.

Unique Environment

- There's no doubting the natural value of the mountain and the need to protect it at all costs. It's difficult to do this in an area where agriculture and the tourist industry is the backbone of the economy.
- It is unlikely that we will see major schemes to strengthen the rural economy but by considering minor developments and promoting good practice with the support of the Welsh Government it is possible to make a difference.
- It would be nice to keep the young people of the area in their communities.
- It is assumed that there are examples of small developments in similar rural areas in Ireland and Iceland

Habitats and Species

- Snowdon is a patchwork of habitats - efforts to prevent a global habitat and its far-reaching impact on all habitats must be recognized and supported.
- A problem with plans to prevent the spread of invasive plants - in particular what is happening along our rivers.

Landscape and Beauty

- It has taken millions of years to create what we now know as Snowdon. It is a duty to allow natural processes to continue and to manage the impact of erosion on people, the only way of doing this in the 'honey pot' is with a network of good footpaths thereby resurrecting the aims of the Snowdon Programme in the 1970s. This meant establishing a significant workforce – which in turn creates jobs and strengthens the economy.
- It is possible to minimize the effect of conflict between visitors and the agricultural world for the benefit of both parties.

Access and Transport

- The aspiration of the majority of residents and visitors is to reach their destination easily. Promoting public transport is essential and the Sherpa Service is a fine example but needs to be expanded – which again is costly.
- We can learn from other examples and from smaller companies that provide a "special" service.

Leisure and Tourism

- Could the aim be to 'provide a memorable and rewarding experience'?
- Could we learn from other locations by identifying good practice and high standards by offering guidance and training to service providers.
- Residents and business providers are closest to visitors - therefore is there a need to equip them with the best possible information.
- The use of volunteers on the mountain has proved successful - but what about a similar situation in the villages around Snowdon.

Heritage - language

- It is essential to protect our heritage and to strengthen it so that our young people can live and raise a family in a strong rural economy.
- Welsh should be more prominent - it is a unique feature that identifies the area and the richness of our culture and history.

Economy

- A number of comments have already been included.

Summary

- To identify funding to achieve objectives.
- The implications of employment via initiatives on the mountain and in small local businesses.
- The need for a 'mission statement' so that everyone is ready to join in with attempts to promote the aims of the Snowdon Partnership.

From John Grisdale
