



The Home-Grown Homes Project

Event:
Forestry & Timber Knowledge Exchange

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The trees and timber imperative
Introduction to Woodknowledge Wales
The Home-Grown Homes Project

“If all current political promises are kept we’re on a pathway to 2.7C of warming by 2100 rendering 1/3 of the planet (home to 3 billion people) uninhabitable”

“In my view the best way to draw down carbon from the atmosphere is to use nature-based solutions (photosynthesis)...

...and then we need to convert biomass into long-term products.”

About Woodknowledge Wales



Independent membership alliance

Charitable Community Benefits Society governed by a voluntary board

Our vision is for Wales as a socially equitable, zero carbon, high-value forest nation

Our mission is to support the development of Wales forest industries from tree to product to benefit the economy, the environment and the people of Wales

OUR BOARD:

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Our Members

Innovation through collaboration



Facilitating collaboration



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TIMBER FRAME MANUFACTURERS
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Interaction = Action



Our transdisciplinary team



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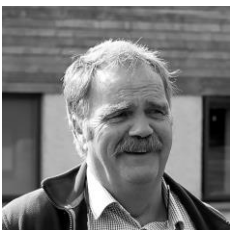
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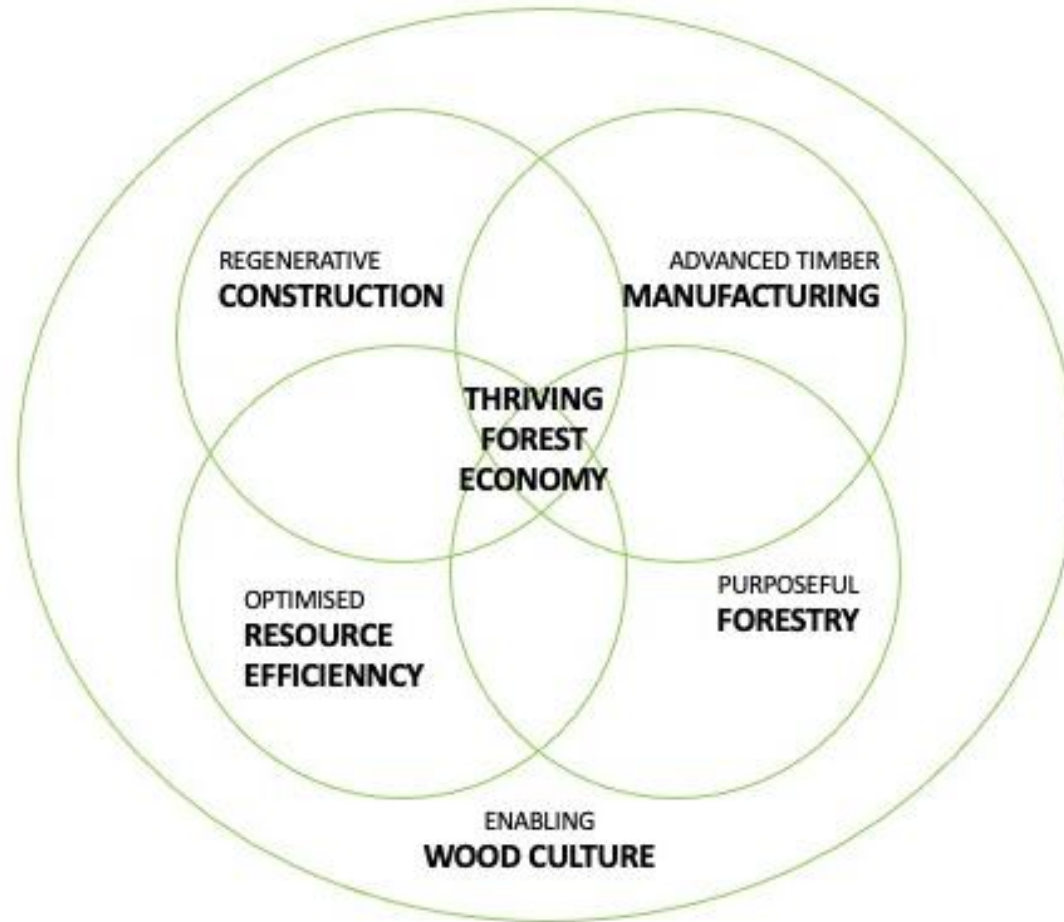


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Masters by Research
**Understanding the
Value of farm forestry
through the
application of LiDAR**



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through the interface
between Life Cycle
Analysis and
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Our system



The Home-Grown Homes Project



Creating a more climate resilient future for Wales **by expanding the use of timber in social housing to accelerate decarbonisation of the natural and built environments**

The Home-Grown Homes Project – Phase 1



Phase 1 (2018 - 21)

Apply knowledge gained from the delivery of high performance, low carbon, timber social housing to inspire the development of Wales' forest industries and identify policy opportunities



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Some Outputs

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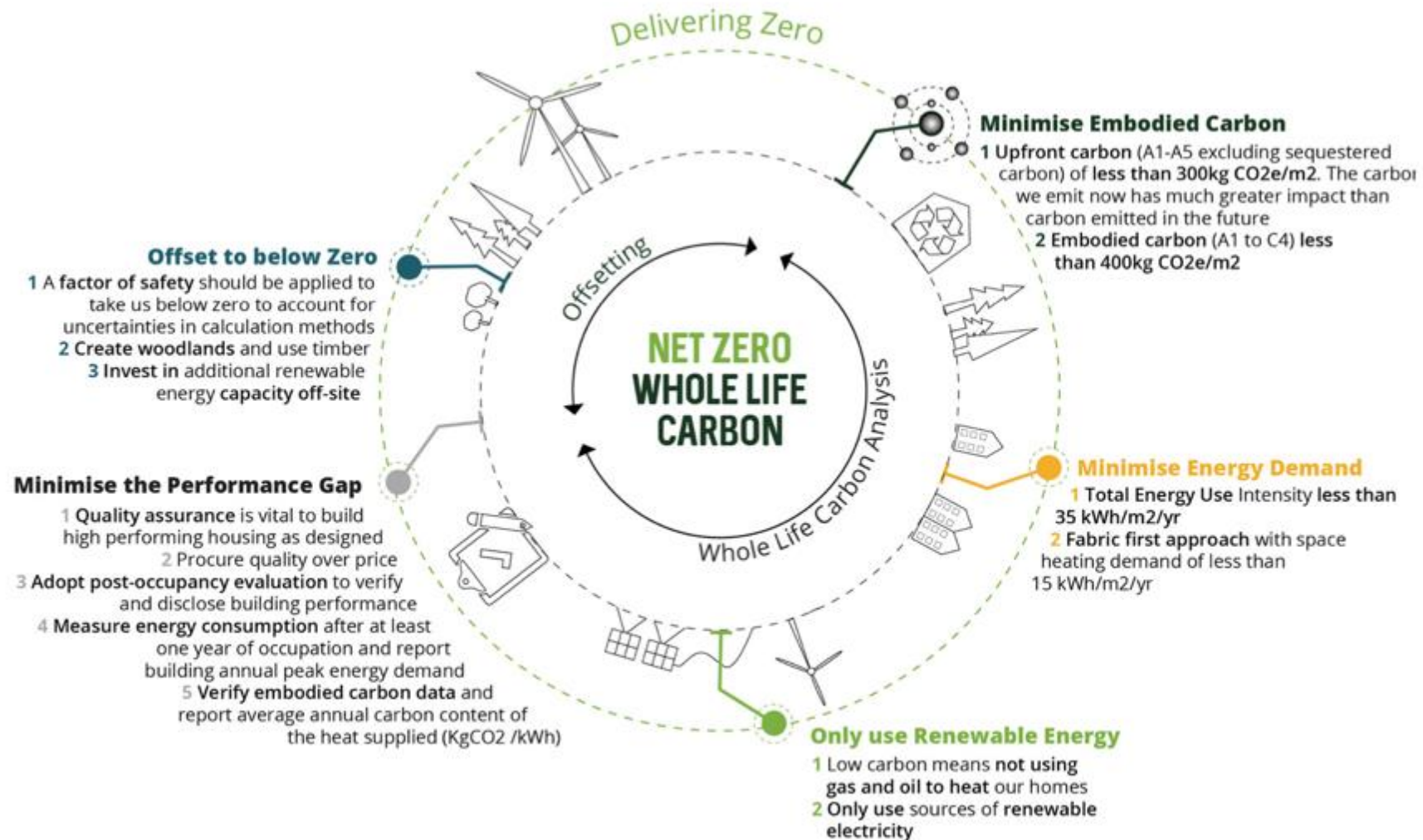
- Posters with the project title: PROSIECT CARTREFI O BREN LLEOL THE HOME-GROWN HOMES PROJECT.
- A technical specification sheet for a house:

<i>aureus earth</i>
Catalyse Decarbonisation in Wales with Timber
Llanbedr, Wales UK
Building Description
2-storey, 2-bedroom
Semi-detached House
Total Floor Area:
Qualified Materials
Timber frame roof, windows, timber doorcases, staircases, batters, wall cladding
Carbon Storage
12.6 tCO ₂ e Per Home
479 tCO ₂ e 18 Home Development
Potential Revenue
£29,680 18 Home Development

The large graphic on the right features a tree and the text: THE ROLE OF OUR OWN CONIFER FORESTS FOR BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY IN WALES.

Logos at the bottom include woodknowledge WALES, Powys, Ceid Cymru, and others.

Delivering Net Zero Carbon Homes



The Home-Grown Homes Project – Phase 2



Phase 2 (2023 - 25)

Supporting implementation of new policies across decarbonisation, social housing, forestry and the circular and foundational economy to drive sector development and inform Wales first Timber Industrial Strategy



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Home-Grown Homes Project – Phase 2

Greenhouse Gas Removals



**Engineered greenhouse
gas removals**

Options to pay for Greenhouse Gas Removals from wood in construction

State-of-the-art review with Case Studies exploring a range of public and private sector levers

In collaboration with the [Alliance for sustainable Building Products](#)



The Alliance
for Sustainable
Building Products

Negative emissions technology / Greenhouse Gas Removals (GGR)

Greenhouse Gas Removal mechanism	TRL	Cost (2030) £/tCO ₂	Scale (2030) MtCO ₂ / year
Natural GGR			
Peat Restoration	9	£34	0.4
Saltmarsh Restoration	7	£23	0.1
Soil Carbon	8	£12	3.1
Biochar	5	£72	0.3
Enhanced Rock Weathering	4	£300	0.3
Afforestation	9	£13	3.7
Engineered GGR			
DACCS	6	£300	0.5
BECCS (Power)	7	£120	8.0
Wood In Construction	9	Uncertain	0.4

Ref. Greenhouse gas removal methods and their potential UK deployment, 2021, BEIS
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/greenhouse-gas-removal-methods-technology-assessment-report>

Home-Grown Homes Project – Phase 2

Increase the supply of construction timber



Working with the timber processing sector to increase the supply of construction timber from the Welsh Forest

Large Sawmills – Case Study (NRW timber)

Medium Sawmills – Case Study (Installation of grading line)

Small Sawmills – Creating a collaborative community

Creation of a Life Cycle Analysis tool for sawmillers in collaboration with [Alliance for sustainable Building Products](#)

ASBP The Alliance
for Sustainable
Building Products

Home-Grown Homes Project – Phase 2

Increase the demand for home-grown timber products



Develop markets for timber-based construction products, such as wood fibre insulation, timber windows and engineered wood

Building performance evaluation tool

Timber product manufacturing: Investment prospectus / manufacturing plan

Evaluating home-grown timber in timber frame manufacturing

Creation of a non-numerical Embodied Carbon tool to support decision making in collaboration with the [Good Homes Alliance](#)

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Training and Skills



Identify and address skills needs and recruitment gaps required to deliver a Thriving Wood Economy



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Trees on Farms



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Support woodland creation on farms to:

- help maintain farm viability
- meet afforestation targets
- and future resource needs



Exploring rights-based market instrument to enable trading of the tree planting requirement

In collaboration with
[Bangor University](https://www.bangor.ac.uk)

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TIMBER INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY



**Supporting the development of
Wales
first
TIMBER INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY**

Finally.....



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WoodBUILD 2023**
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and summary video
[here](#)

**And don't miss
WoodBUILD 2024**
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