

F.A.Q.s

Frequently asked questions

Who? What? Where? How? When? Why? How much? Legal stuff? Planning law?....

Email us with your questions and we will attempt to answer them.

QUESTIONS:

Where is the land?

See section on land

How much does it cost and how can I pay?

See section on Eco-Shares

I'm interested in buying An Eco-Share, but don't understand what I get in return?

See 28 day Eco-Share

Will it be one large piece of land or smaller pieces around the country, so that we could travel between them?

This will be one piece of land at first, and as more members join, we will buy more land, see section on repeatability.

What if we all want to come at the same time?

We are planning that there will be a large gathering for up to 28 days and all members will be invited to come to this gathering. See (Gatherings)

For the rest of the year there will be a booking system, however at seasonal celebrations, and in exceptional circumstances (like a big build push, or harvest time) it is hoped that with a large enough piece of land, we could accommodate everyone who wished to be there.

Is it a kind of eco-time share?

Yes, kind of, but so much more! Read aims and objectives.

How long would or could people stay?

Some people would wish to live there on a full time basis, these would be people who could make a 'major and significant contribution' eg. farmer, builder etc. (See 'Full time community')

Others who have particular skills to share, eg. workshop leaders may wish to stay for several weeks or months, to run workshops etc. (See 'workshop leaders')

Timing: When will this happen?

As soon as we make it happen, were hoping that in 2006/7 we will start buying land.

When were ready to open the membership, probably in spring 2006 you will be able to buy an Eco-Share and you will be able to watch the money mount up on the web site.

Who would YOU love to offer this opportunity to? Who do YOU want to walk with, on the land that you co-own? You can help by telling your friends and loved ones, word of mouth is the best way, lets grow it together!

What would people do there?

Chill out, walk in the woods, lounge around in hammocks. But if you wanted a little more action, see section on 'Activities on the land'.

Where would people live, when they were there?

For the Gatherings people will bring their own tents. At other times of the year people may stay in the training centre, overflow in tents, and as time goes on, in the structures that we build together. This eco-build will form part of training course / workshops, and we will work and learn together to create amazing and unique shelters. (See 'Shelters')

What about bringing children? And will there be things for the kids to do?

Yes, most definitely, bring your kids, however they will remain the responsibility of their parents. And as for activities for them, as soon as we (and YOU) can we will build play areas, and at certain events there will be eco-play and eco-make and eco-build activities for the children and there always trees to climb, fields to run in, woods to explore.....
(However there may be kid free zones so that people can concentrate and get on with stuff.)

Legal stuff and planning law?

We will work with specialised land rights lawyers to answer questions and to help us to plan the best way forward for this venture. Check 'This Land Is Ours' on the web if you want to find out more.

Will there be electricity?

Yes, mains or renewable.

Will there be first aid?

We will be looking for first aiders to be permanent members of the team.

Will there be toilets and showers?

Yes and more as time goes on, made in the workshops.

Who would clean the toilets?

Job rota, or job share for an Eco-Share, maybe you?

Isn't this all a pipe dream?

All you have to do is buy an Eco-Share, if many people do, then it's not a pipe dream, because we'll have tons of money to buy land!

What if things went wrong, arguments etc?

That's life, we'll figure it out when we get to that point, through conflict resolution.

Why are you doing this?

For me, this is a long held dream that I have been thinking about, researching on and planning for many years. Simply, I believe that living on the land and in community (even if only for part of the year) is the best way to live a happy and fulfilling life, and that if we own pieces of land in trust, we can be sure that at least this piece of the earth will remain safe from big developers and mad agricultural policy, and is being looked after in a sustainable way. So that ourselves and our children will have somewhere to appreciate and to be, in the future.

This F.A.Q. section is ongoing, so send us your questions and we will answer them ASAP.