

# LAPPERSFORT : WOOD stays WOOD

(every 36 days Flanders cuts 1 Lappersfort = 18 ha) there are still 10.000 ha wood foreign to its zone to cut...Do you re-

member Bruges 2002, the occupation & police evacuation of the little wood near the centre...? We do! The battle continues...14 ha is now protected. For 3,5 ha the axes are waiting ! In Flanders Fields 05 the peace-movement and the wood movement planted a PEACE-WOOD under the slogan : no bombs but trees (32.000) : down with all nuclear weapons ! We declared Lappersfortwood as the Fabricom Peacewood to have an alternative. To save the wood of the Tortelgarden Pluk of the Petteflet used Hassel-blackberries (a childrenstale from Annie M.G. Schmidt). Fantasy at the power as the leading part...We are inspired by Pluk. We stand for sustainable development : people, planet, participation, profit in balance. We are small but beautiful **VISIT SITES FOR MORE WOODS** [www.ggf.be](http://www.ggf.be) [www.regiobrugge.be](http://www.regiobrugge.be)

## Who or what is the Green Belt Front? At woods end...

- During the first occupation we were founded in april 2002. We were people from the neighbourhood & flemisch supporters & also environmental groups who were willing to help the forest and its first occupiers Lappersforters/Lappersfront. The Lappersfortwood is a little piece of Bruges green belt. The Green Belt Front are believers in good will with the mission to protect the wood outside the wood within civil & political society. Already 7 years...we keep the flame alive in the spirit that saving our endangered woods is possible. Words of our dreams in the public space were often poems about bread & woods. But also technical stuff.
- After the eviction of the wood 14.10.02 we organised a protestmanifestation of 5.000 people. In near contact with the first occupiers we defended ( see sites ) the wood everywhere with many creative actions ! In network with all flemisch environmental wood/nature movements.
- **2005 : But time passed** and everybody went doing other things or started getting children; but we kept on defending the wood. We kept the faith and stayed together, networking sometimes as tree bosmusketeers, sometimes as the last of the mohicans. We made alternatives and communicated about it with the owner & the governments. So it came that 14 ha. was bought. We do now woodwalks with poetry every season. We also woodwalk-visits with politicians as a possible key to change. We are connected to [www.vbv.be/netwerk](http://www.vbv.be/netwerk) and brought them in contact with the first & second occupiers. We are linked with forester.
- Awake for the evil that might come, we asked phonenumbers for the alarm-day the tree-cutters would come. So we came in contact with the founders of the new occupation, our contacts with GroenFront! 2 september 2008 we did an action together at the cityhall. 3.09 the cutting began. After the new occupation 20.09.08 we supported from outside the wood & communicated about it and our solutions with our supporters & enemies. We also looked if it was possible to fight the permission to build before court. As a pity it was legal. Now we hope for the best ! Our energy is not endless, as citizens we did what we could. With love.
- We believe salvation can happen. Already some years, we have an alternative C-plan for the Lappersfortwood. We think there are ways to save the little piece of wood known as **BPA Ten Briele by " a duurzame grondenuitruiming 3,5 ha " a sustainable exchange of soil between the governments & the owner plus a change of maps**: legalize all forests. A thesis by the London school of economics & politics is on line on our site ( see thesissen ).