

6th Annual Integrated Land Use Conference 2017

Balancing the benefits of woodland expansion

Day 1 – 30th March (Field day)

09.30 – 10.15 Arrival and registration with tea and coffee

10.15 – 10.30 Welcome Address – Dr Sue Engstrand, UHI and Drew McFarlane-Slack, Scottish Land and Estates

10.30 – 10.40 Introduction to the event

10.40 – 11.40 Group introductions, organisation and talk allocation, and initial task discussion – aided by PGR Students

Field Sessions

12.00 – 13.00 Session 1

13.00 – 13.45 Lunch (In the field – bring a packed lunch)

13.45 – 14.45 Session 2

Field talks

- 1) Roxanne Andersen, UHI ERI Senior research fellow – Peatlands, woodland and carbon (confirmed)
- 2) John Gorman, SEPA and Tilhill – woodland, water and landowners (confirmed) with Tilhill
- 3) Will Anderson, Factor Seafield Estates – Woodland expansion and estate management (spatial mapping) (confirmed)
- 4) Bruce Mcconachie, CNPA and Bridget England, RSPB – Agriculture, Waders and soil (confirmed)
- 5) Ben Clinch – Species choice, right tree – right place, soil and woodland design
- 6) Peter Crane and Lucy Ford, CNPA – Recreation, landscape and planning

15.00 Coffee and tea

15.30 – 16.30 Group knowledge exchange and discussion about task

16.30 – 17.00 Break

17.00 – 17.30 Group discussions continued

17.45 – 18.15 Loch Ness Gin and Juniper plantation restoration, plus wee tasting – Kevin Cameron-Ross, Owner - Loch Ness Gin

19.00 Dinner (Pre dinner address delivered by Ian Ross SNH Chairman)

Free time

Day 2 – 31st March (Conference and task day)

7.00 – 8.30 Breakfast

9.00 – 9.30 Introduction by facilitator Will Boyd-Wallis, Cairngorms National Park

09.30 – 10.00 Keynote – Jo O’Hara Commissioner, Forestry Commission

10.00 – 10.20 Duncan stone – Species choice, climate change and adaptation, SNH

10.20 – 10.40 Ewan Robertson – Future of the timber industry, BSW Timber Ltd

10.40 – 11.00 Break (Coffee and tea)

11.00 – 11.20 Simon Thorp/Richard Birnie – Moorland and other habitats, Heather Trust

11.20 – 11.40 Kieran – Lessons from balancing tree planting with habitat and biodiversity in Ireland

11.40 – 12.00 Andrew Barbour – Woodland expansion aims and new approaches

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch (13.00 - 14.00 – Address and visit from MSP Fergus Ewing, Cabinet secretary for Rural economy and connectivity)

13.00 – 15.00 Group task planning and presentation development

15.00 – 16.00 Student presentations (10 minutes each)

16.00-16.15 Judging panel feedback (Will Anderson, Jo O’Hara, Kieran)

16.15-16.30 Awards for most ‘Practical’ and ‘Innovative’ presentations

16.30 – 16.35 Close

17.00 – Escape!