



Agenda

8.30am arrival and breakfast

9.00am Welcome

**Professor Simon Pearson, Director of LIAT
University of Lincoln**

9.05am

**Mr Stephen Briggs MSc, BSc (Hons), NSch
Could Agroforestry make farming more productive and resilient?**

Agroforestry what is it & temperate system options

Benefits to ecology & productivity

Policy developments

Whitehall farm - experiences of 52ha commercial agroforestry

Stephen has been providing farm business consultancy throughout the UK and internationally for over 20 years and has delivered soil, water and crop advice and training to many UK farmers. He is a lead partner in AbacusAgri and is also the soil and water manager at Innovation for Agriculture, part of RASE. Trained in Agriculture with a Master in Soil Science, he has previously worked for DFID, FAO, the World Bank & private Co's in Africa, India & China. Stephen has an MSc in Soil Science and was a 2011 Nuffield Scholar. At home, Stephen farms 270 acres of land in Cambridgeshire & Rutland growing cereals, root crops, vegetable and fruit crops and is pioneering agroforestry, growing apple trees and field crops together. He is a guest lecturer at Universities and has held posts on UK Government Policy and Research and Development Committees. He is active in influencing agricultural policy at UK and EU levels.

9.45am

**Mrs. Isobel Wright
University of Lincoln**

Agroforestry at the University of Lincoln

Isobel's trained and practiced as an agronomist and agricultural consultant based in Lincolnshire prior to joining the university. Her focus on sustainable farming has led to her interest in investigating agroforestry.

10.00am

**Ms Emma Bird
Outreach Advisor
Woodland Trust**

Emma works with landowners and partnership organisations to advise and offer funding for tree planting and ancient woodland restoration. The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity. We protect and campaign on behalf of this country's woods, plant trees, and restore ancient woodland for the benefit of wildlife and people.

10.20am

Q & A and Close