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Breakfast Meeting
Friday March 2nd 2018

University of Lincoln, Riseholme Hall, Riseholme Campus, Lincoln, LN2 2LG.
In the Lincoln Room and Holland Room

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?

Stephen will explain what agroforestry is in a temperate context and its benefits for productivity and ecology. He will share his experiences of 52ha of commercial agroforestry at Whitehall Farm in Cambridgeshire and his involvement in policy development.

Stephen is a lead partner in AbacusAgri and is the Soil and Water Manager at Innovation for Agriculture, part of RASE. A Nuffield Scholar (2011), trained in Agriculture with a Masters in Soil Science, he has been providing farm business consultancy for over 20 years with clients ranging from UK farmers to DFID, FAO, the World Bank and private companies in Africa, India and China.

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 guest lectures at several 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

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

9.55am

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. They 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