

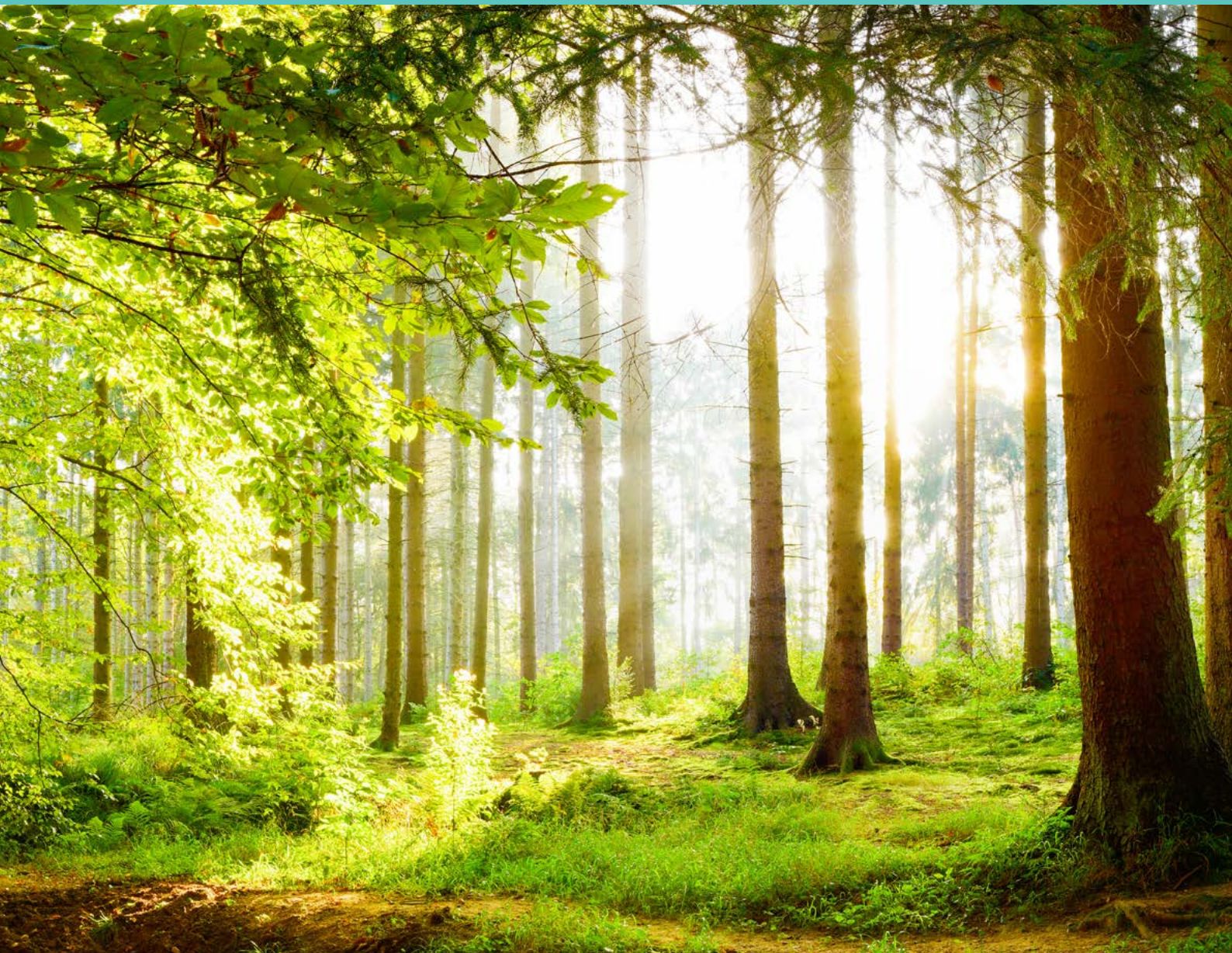


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# Trees And Woodlands Seminar

*“The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.”* – Chinese proverb



**28 July 2021**

Microsoft Teams



# Programme

10:00 Session one

## **State of the UK's Woods and Trees 2021 – Key Findings and Priority Actions**

- How things currently stand
- The benefits of, and the threats to, the UK's Woods and Trees
- Looking to the future health and wellbeing of our trees and woodlands

**Conservation Evidence Team, Woodland Trust**

## **How aerial survey technology is helping to shape the future tree scape of the UK**

- What is the National Tree Map (NTM™), and what led to its development?
- How is the National Tree Map created?
- How is the National Tree Map changing how Local Authorities manage their trees?
- What does the future hold for the National Tree Map and how can it help government organisations to meet legislative targets and enhance the lives of citizens

**Kathryn Lucas, Bluesky International Ltd**

## **Growing a Green City – An Urban Forest Master Plan for the 21st Century**

- What is an Urban Forest Master Plan and why it's more than a Tree Strategy
- Context – looking back at Birmingham's recent past, its trees and what led to a review of tree policy
- Community engagement, co – creation of the master plan and the KPI's
- Using data to change planning policy and towards reaching tree equity

**Simon Needle, TechArborA, Principal Arboriculturist/Principal Ecologist, City Design and Conservation Team, Birmingham City Council**

***APSE are delighted to welcome onto the agenda YOTTA who will be outlining how software systems are now making a real difference in helping tree professionals to record their tree stocks and in doing so help manage these assets more effectively and sustainably and help protect these extremely valuable assets for both current residents and future generations.***

11:30 Virtual coffee break

11:45 Session two

## **Creating areas of new woodlands – the Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest**

- The vision and planning involved in creating a community forest
- Green jobs, training and skill development
- The long term plans and benefits envisaged

**Chris Avent, Green Estate Manager, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Plymouth City Council**

## **Tiny Forests – small spaces – big benefits**

- What are 'tiny forests'?
- The many benefits from planting tiny forests
- Their role in the bigger picture

**Maria Pontes, Director of Programmes and Partnerships at Earthwatch Europe & Tim Newton, Greener Cleaner Programme, Doncaster Council**

## **“Wirral’s Tree, Woodland and Hedgerow Strategy – the commitment to doubling Wirral’s tree canopy”**

- The Tree, Woodland and Hedgerow Strategy's linkage to Wirral's environment and climate emergency declaration
- The role of national, regional and local stakeholders in delivering the strategy
- Securing the services of the Tree Landscape Manager and other key posts to coordinate Wirral's extensive tree planting programme
- Development of Wirral's community tree planting approach

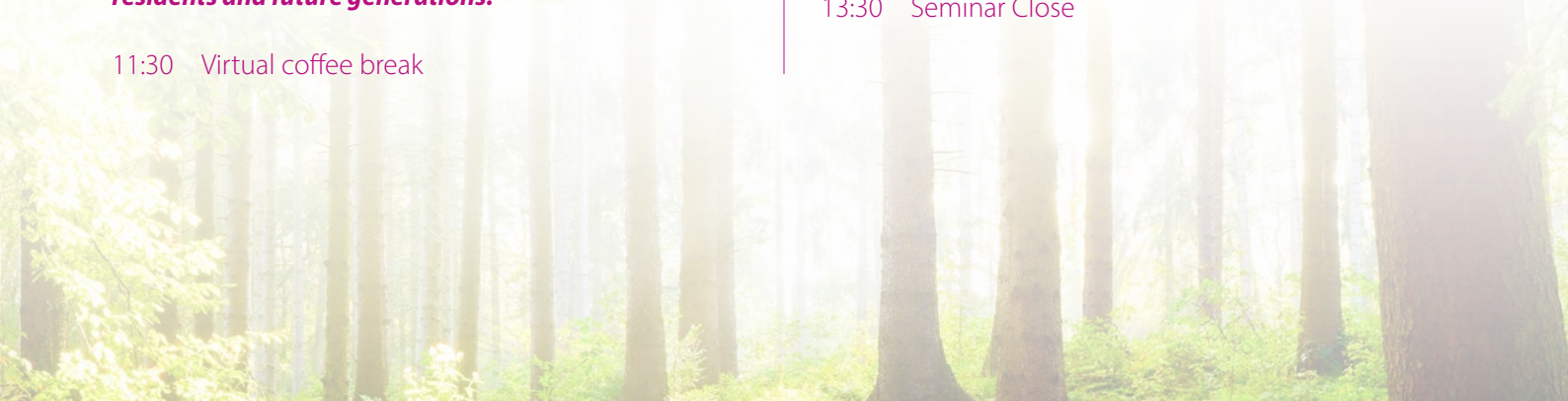
**Mike Cockburn, Head of Service – Environment and Climate Emergency (Int), Neighbourhood Services, Wirral Council**

## **Woodmeadows: How incorporating multiple habitats into new and existing woodlands increases biodiversity and amenity value.”**

- What is a woodmeadow?
- Why developing woodmeadows is important
- Building woodmeadows into tree planting projects

**Dan Carne, Woodmeadow Officer, Woodmeadow Trust**

13:30 Seminar Close



# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

APSE held its first Trees and Woodlands Seminar in October 2020 which, as well as being timely, also proved very popular.

The focus on trees and woodlands and the benefits they bring has only heightened since then, particularly now that Government has set a target which will aim to treble current tree planting rates by the end of this current Parliament, the delivery of which will be the responsibility of a wide variety of organisations, including local authorities.

As such, a second seminar is now being held to provide delegates with new and additional information around this area of work.

This seminar will continue to focus on the benefits trees and woodlands bring to people, biodiversity and also the wider environment, and will also look at new areas such as:

- The current state of our trees and woodlands.
- How innovative technology has helped map the distribution of trees across England and how it will help future tree planting programmes.
- How we can introduce forests into our urban cities.
- Delegates will hear how software systems are now making a real difference in helping tree professionals to record their tree stocks and in doing so help manage these assets more effectively and sustainably and help protect these extremely valuable assets for both current residents and future generations.
- Learn how the creation of a large community forest will not only see the planting of new community, urban and private woodlands, street trees wooded habitat corridors and hedgerows, but it will also create new green jobs and skills and training development opportunities for local communities.
- Considering how even the smallest of spaces can house trees and wooded areas.
- How local authorities are delivering tree targets, including how they will monitor and manage existing and new trees and woodlands, and also how they are engaging with local communities to play their part in delivering the new tree planting agenda.
- How the area outside the woodland can be linked to continue to provide opportunities for greater biodiversity.

The need to plant more trees and woodlands is clearly a critical issue for the future health and wellbeing of our environment and the people who live in it, but it should not be seen as an answer in itself. Clearly there will need to be wider lifestyle changes, for example, in the way we use natural resources, treat our waste, protect and enhance levels of biodiversity and care for the wider environment. The current pandemic has brought about significant shifts in peoples' attitudes, no more so than the growing reconnection with nature which has proved to be a vital to the physical and mental well-being for millions, not only in the UK, but across the globe.

There has never been a better time to look to change our lifestyle from one of using to one of sharing.

Therefore, by considering the wider environment and the ways in which we can enhance and protect it through means such as increased tree planting and the establishment of woodlands and forests, we are moving forwards in our recognition that people are part of a wider ecosystem which needs to be kept in balance if we, as a race, are to have any chance of a sustainable future.

This seminar will provide examples of how these challenges can be addressed through hearing from a wide range of experts and practitioners who are involved in re-foresting the UK, as well as ensuring there are strategies and support networks in place to provide long-term stability to our existing and newly planted trees and woodlands.

Therefore, in light of all these requirements and the speed at which many of the tree planting schemes will need to be delivered, APSE intends that its Trees and Woodlands Seminar will be a **MUST ATTEND EVENT** for its members who have a direct responsibility for tree planting and management, as well as to those officers and elected members who have an interest or influencing role in helping their local authorities to re-introduce trees and woodlands into their areas.

# Booking Details

## Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Arboriculturalists, Parks, grounds maintenance, horticulture, landscape and green space professionals
- Climate change officers
- Biodiversity officers
- Policy officers
- Officers responsible for external funding bids
- Trade union representatives
- Parks/landscape consultants
- Academic researchers
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

## Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, and documentation including a video showreel following the event.*

APSE member delegate fee:	<b>£99 + VAT</b>
Non member delegates fee:	<b>£149 + VAT</b>
Commercial delegates:	<b>£249 + VAT</b>

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