

Tackling Climate Change - The Role Of Trees, Woodlands and Forestry

- 🌿 What should we do more of?
- 🌿 What should we do less of?
- 🌿 What should we do differently?

How is climate changing in NE England?

Adrian Hilton, North East Climate Change Partnership

- ☛ Take more action
- ☛ Less talk, less modelling and defer in hope of achieving certainty
- ☛ Genuinely integrate climate considerations in policy and decision making
- ☛ Become comfortable with risk, uncertainty and decision making

Adaptation

Mark Broadmeadow, Forestry Commission

- ☛ Less waste, less green house gas emissions
- ☛ More tree planting for mitigation and adaptation
- ☛ Different thinking, planting different species and bringing adaptation into the forest

Mitigation

Sandy Greig, Sandwood Enterprise

- ☘ Less carbon waste
- ☘ More land use policy thinking
- ☘ Different living - rediscovering value of forests and woods

Replacing Fossil Fuels with Wood

David Maunder, NE Biomass Forum

- More policy instruments aimed at encouraging low-carbon heating (along with energy efficiency)
- Less analysis, studies and consultation. Action is urgently needed
- Different project evaluations - think about through life costs

Replacing Other Construction Materials with Wood

Katie Livesey, BRE

- Update life cycle analysis data for forestry products

Woodland Creation - A role in carbon offset schemes

Robert Matthews, Forest Research

- Less looking for 'silver bullets' (carbon offsetting itself, specific carbon project types)
- More seeing carbon as part of an 'integrated package' and more demonstrations
- Instead of being pre-occupied by complex carbon offset schemes understand in simple terms what is required and do it

Woodland Creation - A role in carbon offset schemes

Nicholas Berry, Ecometrica

- ☛ More recognition of wider ecosystem benefits of woodland establishment and forest management
- ☛ Less development of non-additional or unfeasible projects
- ☛ Make use of user friendly web based resources to reduce transaction costs and increase transparency of ecosystem benefits from projects

Economic Opportunity

Doug Wenworth, Taylormade Timber Products Ltd

- ☛ Plant more productive forests
- ☛ Support the use of wood, not just in bioenergy
- ☛ Support businesses that provide the holy grail of developing a low carbon economy