

Greenspace 2025

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Agenda

09:45-10:00 **General introduction & welcome** Mark Entwistle - Chairman, KaarbonTech

10:00 – 10:20 **Keynote Speech - Helping highway authorities prepare for the future** Tim Rowland Deverell - Head of Local Highways Strategy and Environment, Local Highways and Active Travel, Department for Transport

Supporting highways authorities prepare for the climate of the future. Exploring adaptation, and strategic environmental planning.

Nature Recovery through Greenspace Management

10:20 – 10:40 **'Greening the black' - Nature is your top priority** Jon Munslow - Former president of LGTAG and Chair of the UKRLG Adaptation Board

The importance nature plays in our lives, why we must act now to manage it better and the need for greater investment in green infrastructure to drive nature recovery.

10:40 – 11:00 **Greenprint & ICaN: Innovations for greener infrastructure** Barry Wyatt - Climate and Nature Emergency Manager, South Gloucestershire Council

Profile of two projects investigating collaboration between public and private enterprise, to deliver carbon reduction and improve social value.

11:00 – 11:20 **Developing greenspace tools to simplify nature recovery management** Doug Maxted - Managing Director (Technology & Development), KaarbonTech

The evolution of software from recording and managing greenspace maintenance, to driving and informing nature recovery and adaptation.

11:20 – 11:45 **Round table – Nature recovery initiatives at a local level** Mark Entwistle – Chairman, KaarbonTech

Collaborative discussion on the current initiatives within your authorities, potential innovations in the pipeline and ideas or inspiration for the future of nature recovery.

11:45 – 12:00 **Networking break**

Green Infrastructure for Community & Social Spaces

12:00 – 12:20 **Measuring and celebrating excellence in parks & greenspaces** Carl McClean - International Development Manager, Green Flag Award

Setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces, to ensure these spaces manage the needs of the communities they serve.

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12:20 – 12:40 How KaarbonTech developments are helping measure and improve the value of greenspace Doug Maxted - Managing Director (Technology & Development), KaarbonTech & Graeme Forward - Managing Director (Data & Insight), KaarbonTech

Embedding research developments to into KaarbonTech systems, for measuring greenspace value and promoting future planning.

12:40 – 13:00 Round Table – How your LA approaches greenspace management Mark Entwistle – Chairman, KaarbonTech

Exploring how authorities manage greenspaces and how to measure success and drive improvement for the local community.

Staffordshire case study: Collaborative tree risk management

13:00 – 13:20 Working together to manage complex tree risk requirements Matthew Thomas - Highway Asset & Policy Manager, Staffordshire County Council & Darren Corcoran - Principal Operations Manager, Amey

The vital role of complete asset data and expert surveying in supporting positive collaboration, improving service and reducing risk.

13:20 – 13:40 Creating a proactive, risk-based tree management plan to provide future resilience Graeme Forward - Managing Director (Data & Insight), KaarbonTech

Understanding your network, assessing risk and measuring capability to design long term maintenance plans that ensure public safety, monitor defects and promote sustainability.

13:40 – 14:25 Networking lunch

14:25 – 14:30 Introduction to afternoon session Mark Entwistle – Chairman, KaarbonTech

Planning Future Resilience

14:30 – 14:50 Navigating the future - Preparing for climate change tree loss Kevin Martin – Head of Tree Collections, Kew Gardens

The research and preparation Kew Gardens is doing to minimise the failure rate of trees and ensure long-term success through adaptation and selective planting.

14:50 – 15:10 Researching for future resilience through collaboration Tom Freeth – Board Member, Tree Management Research Group

Bringing together industry expertise, public sector experience and private innovation to understand, research and prepare our changing environment for future demands.

15:10 – 16:00 Importance of collaboration for future resilience Panel Discussion. Hosted by Mark Entwistle, w/Tim Rowland-Deverell, Jon Munslow, Kevin Martin, Barry Wyatt

Expert views on the need for joint-working to create successful long-term schemes that promote nature recovery and ensure climate readiness.