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Balancing trade-offs in Ecosystem Services: windfarm energy, climate, soil and landscape

Whitelee Wind Farm Visitor Centre, East Renfrewshire

10.00 - 16.00 on **Tuesday 17th November 2015.**

A BSSS-Scottish Soils Discussion Group event to discuss issues surrounding the trade-offs between onshore windfarm development and ecosystem protection under pressures of reducing GHGs, conserving soil quality (and carbon stores) and increasing energy production from renewable sources. The objectives are 1) to provide an overview of windfarm development effects on soil and environmental properties, 2) discuss the key factors that drive planning, legislation and decision making of windfarm growth in Scotland, 3) discuss the difficulties in balancing ecosystem services in this field and 4) provide a forum for people working in this area to meet, discuss current and future goals and to develop ideas for future collaboration/ projects/policy guidance.

Preliminary Agenda

10.00 – 10.30	Coffee & Welcome
10.30 – 11.45	Presentations: Glasgow University, Edinburgh University, Scottish Water (tbc)
11.45 – 12.30	<i>Group 1: Tour of Whitelee, Group 2: Discussion</i>
12.30 -13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.30	<i>Group 2: Tour of Whitelee, Group 1: Discussion</i>
14.30 – 15.30	Presentations: Forestry commission, SNH (tbc), SEPA
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee & Group Discussion/wrap up
16.00	Event Concludes

Registration: BSSS Members: Free, Non-BSSS members: £20

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