



Northern Region Meeting and Annual General Meeting 2023

Re-wilding – Can local authorities deliver?



Wednesday 14 June 2023

Principal Hotel, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA

Programme

10:15 Registration

11:00 Session One

Re-wilding is it a practical option for local authorities?

- What do we mean by re-wilding?
- What options do local authorities have to re-wild?
- What are the benefits of 're-wilding'?

Wayne Priestley, APSE Principal Advisor

Helping Nature Recover – The Wakefield Experience.

- The importance of declaring a biodiversity emergency and ecological crisis.
- Moving away from a traditional maintenance approach.
- What has changed.

Charlie Tindill, Street Scene Service Manager, Wakefield Council.

Identifying new spaces to promote and enhance opportunities for biodiversity – cemetery nature reserves.

- The origins of Linthorpe cemetery nature reserve
- Creating spaces for nature
- The successes achieved and future proposals.

Marcus Vickers, Bereavement Manager, Middlesbrough Council.

Audience question and answer session

12:15 Coffee Break

12:45 Session Two

The Northern Flowerhouse - spreading wildflowers across the North.

- The origins of the organisation
- Developing a new land ethic
- The importance of partnerships and community engagement
- The successes and benefits achieved and future proposals

Polly Moseley, Climate Justice Producer for

Contemporary Visual Arts/Richard Scott, Director of the National Wildflower Centre, Northern Flowerhouse.

Stronger Shores – Re-Wilding Our Oceans

- The aims of the Stronger Shores project
- The importance of partnership working
- The benefits to marine environments and the wider community

Karen Daghish - Stronger Shores Delivery Manager, South Tyneside Council

Audience question and answer session

13.15 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

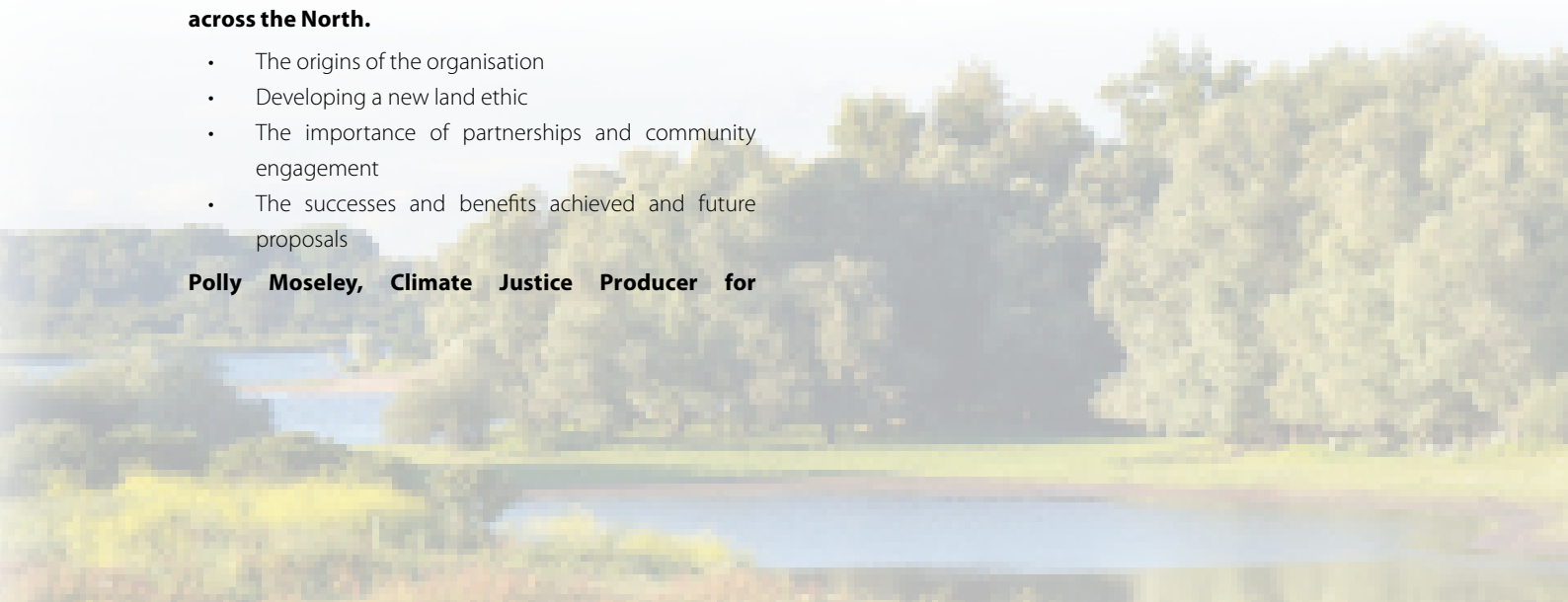
The APSE Northern Region AGM will be your opportunity to have your say in APSE Northern representation to our National Council and other important business.

The APSE Northern Region audited accounts statement will also be presented to the meeting and round-up of the year's regional activity.

Please ensure your authority is represented at this meeting which is your chance to share in the governance of your APSE region.

13:45 Networking and Lunch

An opportunity to meet with colleagues from other northern councils.



Seminar Objectives

About the Seminar

This meeting is an ideal opportunity for officers, elected members and local authority partners and trade unions to hear about the topical issue of 're-wilding' and how the principles of this approach can help deliver some of the wider climate change and ecological emergency targets built within council strategies. Not only will the seminar look at just what rewilding can mean in its different guises but also how re-wilding is being addressed by local authorities in the north of England.

The approaches highlighted are varied and cover a wide range of areas, including the marine environments along our northern coasts. It must be remembered that not all rewilding projects have to be on a large landscape scale, many successful schemes can be found within large urban areas in parks, greenspaces and even cemeteries.

With a nationally and international recognised biodiversity crisis the need to create more spaces for nature is critical. We will therefore be looking at how each of the presenting local authorities are responding to rewilding and hearing about the lessons learned and successes achieved.

Each of the presenters have an interesting and engaging story to tell, which means delegates will find a great deal of useful information to take away with them.

With many uncertainties facing local authorities, meetings such as this will help provide guidance and opportunities to speak with fellow colleagues about the challenges and opportunities facing councils and hopefully ways in which new approaches and solutions are being developed.

It is therefore the aim of the meeting to look to address how local authorities can go some way, to if not full scale re-wilding projects, then to at least embrace the principles of re-wilding and deliver improvements to the current levels of biodiversity in their areas.

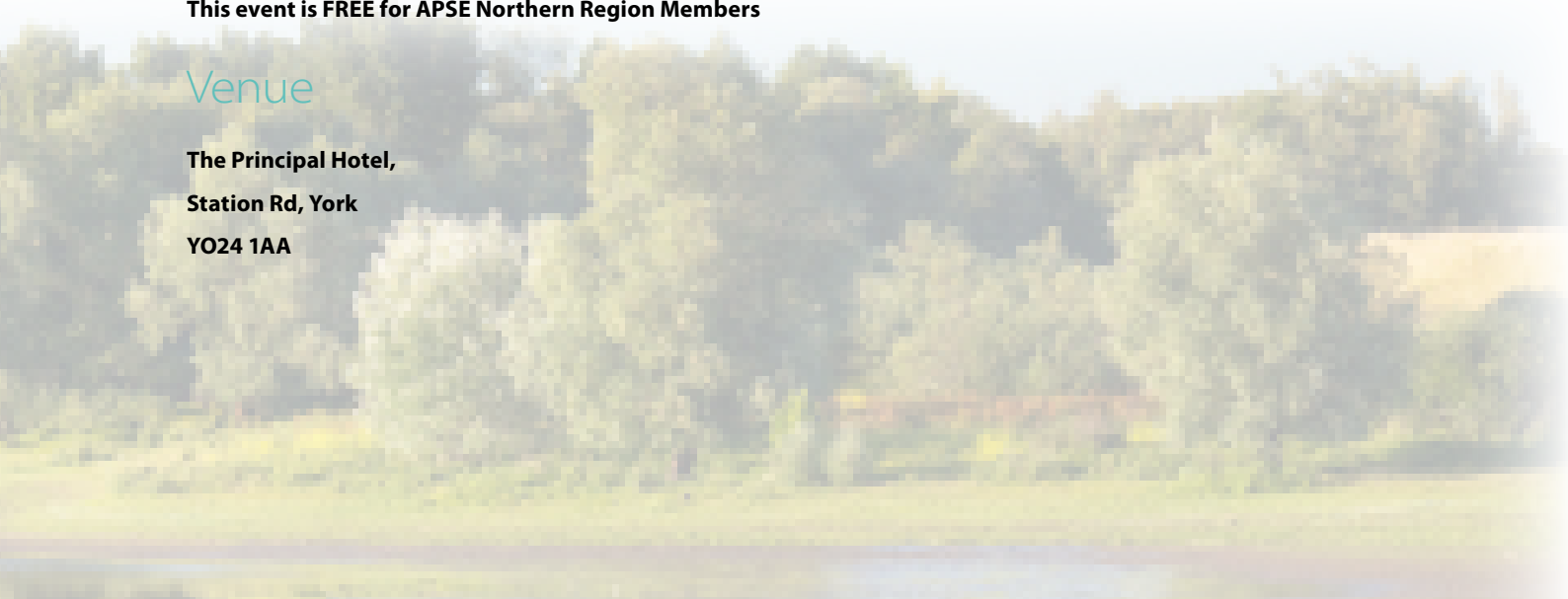
Who should attend?

- Officers who have a responsibility for climate change, ecology, parks and greenspaces, bereavement services and sustainability
- Those with responsibility for delivering corporate strategies.
- Officers who are involved in delivering behavioural change/communications programmes.
- Anyone with an interest in biodiversity, community engagement and partnership development
- Elected members and officers with responsibility for environmentally based services.

This event is FREE for APSE Northern Region Members

Venue

**The Principal Hotel,
Station Rd, York
YO24 1AA**



Booking Information

Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE Northern Region members:	FREE
APSE member delegate fee:	£179 + VAT
Non member delegates fee:	£265 + VAT
Commercial delegates:	£375 + VAT



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