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Introduction

This is the fourth in a series of meetings the Association of Applied Biologists has organised on Vegetation Management since 1992. There have been a number of significant changes since the previous meeting held in 2000. These include the publication of the first plant atlas in the British Isles for 40 years, a major Government commitment to halt biodiversity decline, a shift in emphasis towards more sustainable woodland management, and major changes in grant schemes to farmers and other landowners.

An increasing number of challenges face those involved with vegetation management. These include

- * Pressure from development and urbanisation
- * Climate change
- * The completion of the first tranche of Biodiversity Action Plans
- * Eutrophication
- * Water Framework Directive
- * PSA target for all SSSIs to be in favourable condition.

We invited offers of papers and posters in areas associated with Vegetation Management in its widest sense. For example, in forestry, forest nurseries, weed control, urban, roadside, riparian areas, amenity areas. As a consequence this volume contains contributions on habitat management, restoration, creation and vegetation management for invertebrates.

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