**Confor South West Regional Field Day**

**Visit to Lacewood Biomass**

(by kind permission of Charles Lacey)

**“Diverse Estate Management with Biomass supply and demand options”**

**Thursday 11th May 2017**

**Estate Walk Start time: 12:00 following Confor SW committee meeting**

**Whitemoor Farm, Doddiscombsleigh, Exeter, Devon EX6 7PU (Grid Reference: SX861865)**

Lacewood Biomass is a family business owned by Charles Lacey at Whitemoor Farm on the edge of Doddiscomsleigh in the Teign Valley.

The farm extends to some 113 hectares of poor quality grazing and was farmed as a dairy farm up until 1991 when Charles planted 40 hectares with mixed broadleaves under a Farm Woodland Scheme. Charles made the decision to plant much of the remaining land with mixed broadleaves over the ten year period to 2001.

With the majority of the trees now at first thinning stage Charles has invested in a Combined Heat and Power plant to serve his existing district heating scheme using pellets which he plans to manufacture on the farm.

After a pasty lunch we will go straight into the woodland site visits for the afternoon.

**N.B: Meeting notes with stop details and discussion points will be sent out to all those who register to attend.**

Confor outdoor meetings take place in all weathers. Appropriate footwear and clothing should be worn. Please be aware of your health and safety at all times as there are some steep areas on the visit. Do not take risks that could put you or others in danger. Please follow instructions.  Please ensure that footwear is clean to help prevent the spread of pest and diseases. There will be biosecurity kits available to clean footwear before departing the woodland in the afternoon.

Please return this form, or provide details by email, by **4 May 2017**, to: Caroline Harrison, Confor, Ham Farm, Spreyton, Crediton, Devon EX17 5BD. T: 01837 82222 E: caroline@confor.org.uk.

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| Dietary requirements (i.e. vegetarian option): |  |  |
| Please reserve me |  | places for the 11th May @ £5.00.  | £ |  |