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**LAND USE IN SCOTLAND: CHANGES,
CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS**

SUMMING UP ROGER CROFTS

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Message 1 Transformation with the future in mind

- ✓ Radically different approach to funding land management
- ✓ Move from static to dynamic approach for conserving nature
- ✓ Building environmental values into programmes & projects

Message 2 Address biodiversity & climate change crises by

- ✓ Restoring natural resource functionality
- ✓ Improving delivery of public goods & services
- ✓ Using environmentally led design
- ✓ Providing community & economic benefit



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Message 3 Clear outcomes & measurable targets

- ✓ Move up scale from site to whole landscapes
- ✓ Use Nature based Solutions
- ✓ Achieve Biodiversity Net Gain
- ✓ Effective data gathering & sharing



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Message 4 Changing the mindset by imbedding new thinking & techniques

For example

- Not afforestation but
- ✓ Woodland creation focussing on environmental improvement alongside other objectives
- Not avoiding biodiversity losses rather
- ✓ Achieving biodiversity net gain as well as infrastructure benefits



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Message 5 Stakeholder engagement & empowerment

- ✓ Remember there are many parties, partners & 'communities of interest'
- ✓ Early engagement of all is essential
- ✓ Allow local models & initiatives to develop with real tasks
- ✓ Use 'trusted intermediaries'



- ✓ Key role of experienced ecologists & environmental managers

Action for a better future: a five-point plan

- ✓ Business unusual vision
- ✓ Ethical basis for everything
- ✓ Appropriate national frameworks
- ✓ Reinvigorating local action
- ✓ Developing & applying new approaches

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJe0ZIXfL1A>



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