



Date: 6th August 2024

Title: Committee for Professional Geomorphologists

Vice-Chair: Dr Mattie Biddulph

CPD Workshop

In May we ran a successful workshop in Glasgow looking at how we can restore geomorphological processes in urban environments, where there are often huge constraints to doing so. The workshop included a one day of classroom-based activities and a field trip to two restoration projects (Garrel Burn re-meandering project in Kilsyth and Tollcross Burn, a culvert daylight project).

Seminars

Seminars are ongoing and have become a regular fixture for many professional and academic geomorphologists. We think this has expanded the reach and raised awareness of the BSG.

New Committee Members

We are going through a period of change in the committee as roles are due for handover. As a relatively new committee we are still finding the best way to stagger the change in roles. Secretary is open for applications at this AGM, but we are looking to expand our numbers of general committee members. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please do get in touch.

Focus for 2025

- As a committee we want to focus this year on the direction that applied geomorphology is taking. The demand for professional geomorphology skills is increasing faster than this niche discipline can handle. This, combined with a lack of formalised training, is leading to poor quality or outdated river and coastal restoration. We will look at potential ways to increase uptake of the career, formalise a qualification, and engage with restoration designers.
- We are looking to work with other societies involved in geomorphology, for example Engineering Geology and the River Restoration Centre (RRC). This will expand our reach and provide opportunity for knowledge sharing.