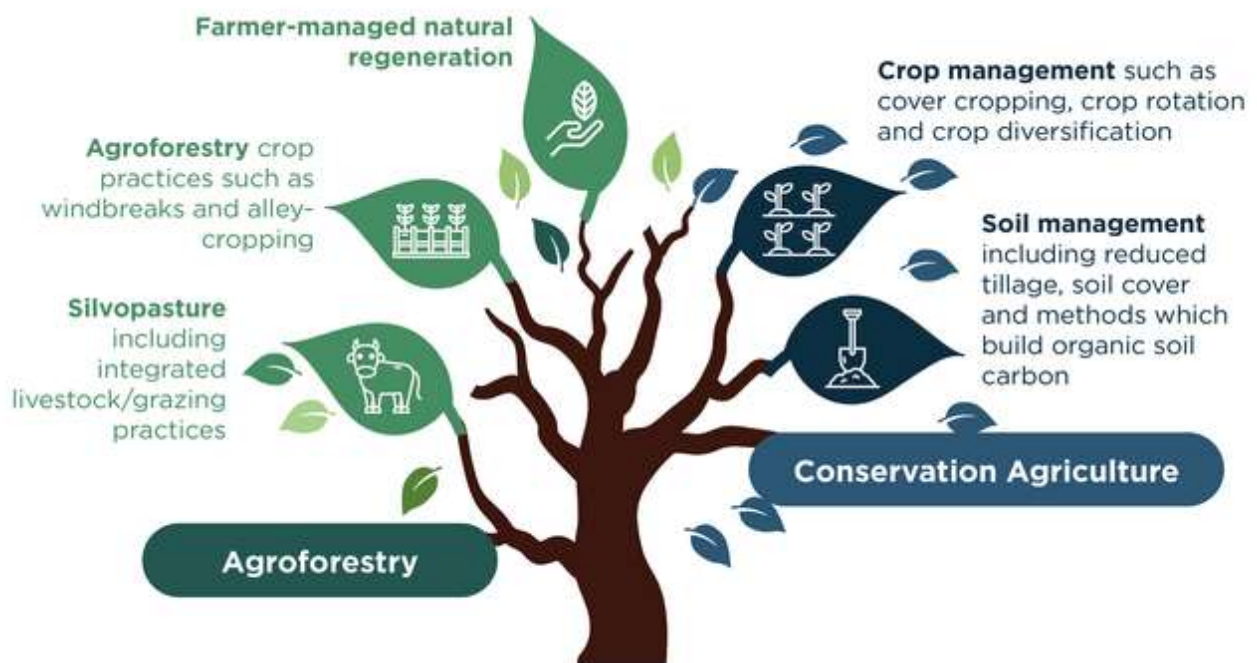


## Climate Solutions Discussion Group - report by Kate Bailey (March 2023)

Because of members' holidays we had no meeting in March. However we agreed to start looking into various topics relating to the future health and fertility of our soils. The group has been challenged by the Geography convenor to research the assertion that the UK has only 50 harvests left and that local food production is under threat because of climate change and current agricultural practices. We have been exploring the theme of 'climate resilient farming' for a few months and have listened to talks to the North Pennines AONB and the Nidderdale AONB Farming Groups on the topics of sustainable food production, farm incomes and environmental subsidies.

In response to Gerald's challenge we have offered to prepare a presentation for the Geography Group later in the summer, when we will bring together our thoughts on various topics such as soil improvement, nature recovery, carbon capture using ground cover crops, rainwater infiltration and flood management, reduced soil erosion by tree planting and rotational grazing to encourage floral diversity.



Regenerative agriculture focuses on improving soil health

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Watch this space for more information and in the meantime don't forget to take part in the Big Plastic Count 2024. Count all your plastic waste for a week and you'll have up until **31st March** to submit your results.

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