

Parks & People, Stronger Together East Midlands Conference 27 July 2019

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Overview of Parks and People, Stronger Together conference

Nottingham, Saturday 27 July 11:30 – 17:00

It was held on a Saturday to suit the audiences' schedules. The start and end times allows for one-day travel and any train delays.

Venue

Nottingham CVS, Nottingham

We aimed to book venues conveniently located close to the station or in the city centre and aligned to the ethos of the events if possible. Nottingham CVS was a good fit for this. It could accommodate our maximum numbers and need for breakout spaces. The venue was comfortable, spacious, if a little warm and lacking natural

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light. The catering booked was provided by a social enterprise, and it was of great standard and appreciated by delegates.

Audience

Friends of Parks and volunteer groups; Councils, greenspace charities etc, people who work to support community empowerment in our public green space.

Aim

To promote and encourage greater community empowerment in our public green spaces.

Attendance numbers

- 33 bookings including staff and facilitators (a couple of bookings at the last minute)
- 30 actual attendees – 6 no shows and 3 came on the day without booking
No shows perhaps also due to train problems.

Geographical spread of groups attending

The areas represented at the event were:

- Nottingham
- Gedling
- Newark
- Cotgrave
- Chesterfield
- Woodthorpe
- Boston
- Derby
- Horncastle
- Grantham

Plenary: Welcome and introductions and some key themes

Welcome to the day

Dave Morris, [National Federation of Parks Green Spaces \(NFPGS\)](#)

The organisers value and recognise the vital importance of community engagement and empowerment in the UK's green spaces, and we thank everyone for their contribution to their local sites. The event's aim is to share experiences, showcase good practice, discuss some key common issues, and develop communication, coordination and partnerships for the benefit of parks and green spaces.

It will be a day of learning and networking organised as part of a series of regional events to cover all regions in England. Organised by [NFPGS](#), [Locality](#), [Groundwork](#).

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Funded by [Parks Action Group \(PAG\)](#) and paid for by the [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government \(MHCLG\)](#). All the organisers believe that parks and people are stronger together, hence the name of the events.

There was an introduction to the Parks Action Group and the PAG Community Engagement workstream, and the organisations involved at the event, and the staff present from NFPGS and Locality.

Dave said thank you for all the work, paid and unpaid, that everyone does for parks and green spaces, and for coming to talk about and showcase community involvement and empowerment.

The purpose of the day was to discuss and share experiences and views. So, there were no PowerPoints and no speeches, only discussions and workshops. Contributions would be noted, and a report made to feed back to the participants, those unable to attend, the PAG and the wider sector.

Dave invited attendees to volunteer to do a 'Just a Minute' presentation about their own work later on.

Welcome to Nottingham

Martin Willis, [Nottingham Open Spaces Forum](#)

25% of Nottingham is green! We have the highest number of green flags in the country. The Forum was council run and is now a fully independent charity – we are here for mutual support, help with funding, practical information and learning.

Housekeeping

Fire exit and alarms, toilet locations, refreshments, WIFI password, information table.

Photo and video consents were announced and there was no objection from the room.

Info on the day ahead

There was a short introduction to the day and to the delegate pack and what you can find in it, including:

- agenda (see appendix 2)
- detailed and informative 'takeaways' related to each workshop theme
- community empowerment information (including how to set up Friends groups and Forums, the PAG community empowerment projects, and parkscommunity.org.uk website)
- delegate lists
- and the very important feedback form.

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Link to delegate pack resources:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1P36JrWZ01csN1Vo42GMDHSxOXquS-WWv>

Plenary: reports back from the focused workshops/ discussions

How can groups build stronger and more diverse membership, and ongoing engagement with the range of park users?

Facilitator: Michelle Furtado, NFPGS

Questions posed by the facilitator:

- How do we try to ensure our group reflects and engages as far as possible the range of park users and communities we serve – in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, class, disability, interests etc?
- What are some of the local success stories in groups trying to address this?
- How do we build good relations with other user groups involved with our sites?

Notes of contributions:

- Parks and gardens can reach more people and bring people out of their shells.
- Volunteering means different things in different languages (eg its similar to 'conscription' in some eastern European countries!) - work parties maybe not great, improvement parties might be better language.
- Discussions around disabilities and access. In one park, they have named pathways and areas so that people with mental health issues are able to navigate the space more easily. They have also improved maps around the park.
- Reach young people through scouts and Duke of Edinburgh but it can take some time (local schools plan 2/3 years in advance).

All delegates received a detailed specialist document prepared by NFPGS setting out some of the issues to grapple with and ways in which groups can strengthen and diversify their membership: <https://parkscommunity.org.uk/community-involvement/making-our-groups-stronger-and-more-diverse/>.

How do we develop our local volunteering and project management skills and capabilities?

Alan Marchant, TCV

Questions posed by the facilitator:

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- What examples are there of successful local volunteering sessions, projects and activities – and some of the challenges overcome and skills needed (e.g. online mobilising, an extra language, van driving, running kids' activities etc)?
- What practical and organising skills do groups have lots of, and what is often lacking?
- How can we improve the way we organise ourselves to become more active and effective (e.g. having specialist officers, developing sub-groups and autonomous groups, partnerships with other user groups etc)?

Notes of contributions

- Each project has different characteristics, retention of volunteers – some had lots of long-term volunteers but hard to attract new people.
- Groups needed someone to manage their volunteering groups and reinvigorate.
- Some had too many volunteers and needed someone to manage them as it takes too long (a dedicated trustee?)
- Convincing funders to recognise this and allocate funding for it, cost of training, cost of setting up policies and there is lots of bureaucracy and work.
- There are organisations that can help (NFPGS, TCV etc).

All delegates received a detailed specialist document prepared by TCV setting out good practice in attracting and engaging volunteers and running sessions effectively: <https://parkscommunity.org.uk/volunteers/recruiting-and-managing-volunteers/>.

How do we develop good partnership working with site managers and Councils?

Martin Willis, Nottingham Open Spaces Forum and NFPGS

Questions posed by the facilitator:

- What good examples are there of groups working closely and constructively with those who manage greenspace, and vice versa?
- What are some of the challenges?
- What can we do to try to create and strengthen good communication and coordination (e.g. site walkabouts, meetings, Management Plans, and Service Level Agreements)?
- How can we develop and maintain such ongoing partnerships despite challenges such as understaffing and disagreements?

Notes of contributions:

- Relationships between groups and landowners (often local authorities) can be mixed.
- Sometimes supportive but don't get stuff done. Hard to get information out of them on timings of things like demolition, or not telling us what they've done.

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- Councillor used to come all the time, was supportive and used to take concerns back, then got voted out and the new one has never come yet.
- Mix of ownership on sites can be problematic. Who owns what - the county council, highways, private road owners. One site adjacent to the railway line owned by network rail when apparently volunteers can't go. If a car is parked halfway on the council land and highways, it can be a police matter.
- One person very good relationship with the police, first name basis, very helpful. Other group has the community hub in the park, and they do a Cuppa with a Copper. How did they develop a good relationship like that? Started saying good morning to everyone, do a lot of litter picking, people tell them problems and they say to the police who take care of it. Police now do the rounds every day.
- Others say the only answer they got from the police is 'we'll give you an antisocial behaviour booklet' to record. Apparently PCSOs not safe to work after 10pm at night! What about the residents.
- Is the partnership different at officer level or elected level? Maybe, a couple are reasonably supportive but others not.
- Find out what's useful for each, what's in it for each party. Creating a more equal partnership based on a shared workplan.
- Do park rangers in your area have any input in what goes on at the next level? There doesn't seem to be a mechanism for people who see what happens after any reports back, or when giving ideas and solutions.
- Use forums to engage with higher decision makers and portfolio holders- identifying motivations (of people in power in your area).

All delegates received a detailed specialist document prepared by NFPGS setting out some of the issues with developing and maintaining good community/Council partnership-working: <https://parkscommunity.org.uk/park-green-space-management/partnership-working-with-landowners-and-managers/>

How do we try to access and ensure adequate funding for our groups, our activities and projects, and for our sites generally?

Julie Bustos, Groundwork

Questions posed by the facilitator:

- What funding can we currently access or raise ourselves to help make a difference to our site, e.g. with activities, projects and improvements?
- Are there good examples we can share?
- What funding is really needed so that every park has the staffing, maintenance and capital improvements it needs?
- How do we help with, or press for this, at the local level? What should Councils be doing?
- What can groups in an area do together?

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Notes of contributions:

- Interesting, varied discussions. Some are at the start of their journeys with little money, others are more experienced. Target the local organisations first (including corporates and CSR etc), Use the skillset within your group for fundraising but also think about your wider network. For Sustainability, charging for activities, not relying only on grants. Also the Greenwood Forum has been helpful for lots of groups here.

All delegates received a detailed specialist document prepared by Groundwork setting out issues to do with funding and how to apply for grants successfully. PDF: <https://parkscommunity.org.uk/funding/groundwork-fundraising-guide-for-community-groups/>

What ways can we promote effectively our activities, groups and sites, including better use of social media?

Lynsey Atherton, Keep Britain Tidy

Questions posed by the facilitator:

- What are the range of tools available to us (e.g. noticeboards, flyers, email lists, social media, and word of mouth)?
- How can we use social media better?
- How do we work together with other user groups (e.g. football teams, schools, dog owners) to generate publicity?
- How can we use publicity to generate more involvement in our groups?

Notes of contributions:

- There is no one size fits all. Think about who it is you want to communicate with, and why/what you want to achieve
- Twitter for short and snappy, Instagram for great pictures, and Facebook for creating conversations with those you want to engage. Also there are tips for radio and local TV interviews.
- What type of promotions are we using at the moment: website, social media, leaflets, finding other local organisations or groups who will help to promote, local media, including interviews with local radio or tv? User generated content
- Different things in the group that highlights you need to focus on your audience and what works for your local area
- Heritage Lottery funding and support set up a website and a Facebook group but the council also run their own.
- Learn how to use Facebook - *What are you trying to achieve? Think about the goal and then what channels might be best
- QR codes – can they link to a twitter feed
- Need to find volunteers to run social media as often lack of skills?

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- New Young Reporters for the Environment programme could be useful <https://www.yre.global/>

All delegates received a detailed specialist document prepared by Keep Britain Tidy setting out ways of effectively engaging and using various forms of media e.g. press and radio. PDF: https://parkscommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/HowTo_PromoteYourGroupAndSite_LFGSN.pdf

Online resources – what is needed?

Jenny Steele, Locality

People expressed needing help with community engagement, building a relationship with their local authority. The surprising question was, what if we're offline?

Summary of 'Just a minute' showcases First-round – Friends Groups

Elizabeth Bowskill, [Wyndham Park Forum](#)

Founded in 2005 to work with the local authority, she has been the secretary from the start. They have achieved: toddler playground match funding, memorial park plaque marathon money, century (?) garden all the park forum's remit, first green flag in 2011 and now 8th consecutive one.

Stephan Green, [Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust](#)

One of county garden trusts in England affiliated in a national network, first had stopped and now is reconstituting. Promote the enjoyment of the county gardens, events – building an interactive map of all the county gardens in the area to redirect to their friends group website.

Barbara Arrandale, Friends of Eastwood Park, Hasland, Chestfield

Moved to the area in 2003 and loved her local park. She saw the gates saying 1913 and thought they should sort it out for the millennium, so got the Friends going in 2006. HLF grant of a million pounds from the lottery, plus lots more funding for various parts of the park.

Jenny Fillingham, Friends of Gedling Country Park

The Friends gained Local Nature Reserve status, which meant so much to them as there are many environmentalists in their group. Received lots of funding from different places and now have a café and toilets. Have bees on site and a compound for tools. Very busy, clearing Lupins and grass cuttings, planting trees and wildflowers.

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Judith Ainsley, Friends of Normanton park, Derby

They had a brilliant get-together last year, with a poet booked for the event, who read a poem called 'We Are Derby'. It was written onto their graffiti wall and tweeted to Frank Lampard. It is now heard at every Derby County match and that's down to the Friends!

Nottingham City WI

She was chatting with Robin Hood in the pub, about how to get Sherwood forest into the city and the city into the forest – it's currently 45 minutes away. They have embarked on a 100-500 year plan, to plant trees, mostly Oak, in a circle outward to create a link between the forest and the city. They will be mobilising lots of groups, forest schools and other to help create small copses of trees and wildlife areas.

Second round – Forums

Martin Willis, [Nottingham Open Spaces Forum](#)

First the forum was council run, then nothing happened for a while. It was suggested something stronger was needed, so started something that worked closely with the Council, but one step removed from it to challenge it constructively, and also as a charity we can provide more facilities and support for group. This has been a very successful approach.

Michelle Furtado, [Adur and Worthing Green Spaces Partnership](#)

They consist of 40 groups. They had a successful [Awards for All bid](#) for £10,000. They have set up a website which is just about to launch. They have done power tool training, so their groups are properly ticketed. There was an issue with insurance without a Ranger on-site, so they changed insurance. They meet every couple of months. They have a really nice AGM and they always make it into a bit of celebration so that the Green Space volunteers get really nice food because they deserve it.

Dave Morris, [Haringey Friends of Parks Forum](#)

They started 2001 and they have met every two months since then. The Council come to half of each meeting, so they work in partnership with the Council. They encourage the formation of new groups so now every major public green space in Haringey has a Friends Group. They create walking booklets, they lobby for more resources, they try and support individual parks when they have issues that need to be addressed. They are only one borough in London, there are 33 London boroughs. So about 15 of the boroughs have formed their own forums. About 10 years ago they formed a London-wide regional network [London Friends of Green Spaces Network](#). This meets every three months or so at City Hall. They try to take up strategic issues that affect the whole of London, planning policy funding issues and so on.

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Final plenary

Stronger communications

Facilitator: Michelle Furtado, NFPGS

Michelle has been in post with NFPGS since April 2019 and she is funded for a year by MHCLG as one of the Parks Action Group community empowerment projects. She will be reaching out to Forums and many of the 7,000 or so Friends Groups around the UK to understand what people need. She is doing the publicity for these regional events and building the network through greater communication and coordination at all levels.

Michelle is mapping Friends Groups contacted and linking them with existing Forums and networks and encouraging new forums to develop. Once all these conferences are finished, Michelle will work on encouraging unconnected groups and clusters to network with each other.

The NFPGS have released a survey to ask what Groups and Forums need to grow and develop, and what support is needed from the PAG and Government. We already have 150 responses. Lots of responses want help linking up, building forums, or sometimes it can be just simple things like borrowing equipment. There are also common issues of managing relationships with the local authorities, especially now when departments share staff. Also there are strong calls for adequate funding and protection of green spaces.

There are currently 70 Forums in the country involving around 3,000 of the Friends Groups. The Forums don't need to be led by the council. They can be independent. But it can be helpful to have Council Officers in or meeting with the Forum for help with resource and meeting rooms. Forums don't always need a constitution. Others (Voluntary Service Councils, Universities etc) might be able to help in a similar way to Councils.

Messages to the PAG

People want more resources and more protection for parks and green spaces. In the audience, someone from Chesterfield says lots of Friends groups are convened in a meeting by the council, but she will go back and try to create an independent forum.

There are 70 forums around the UK so far involving around 3000 of the Friends groups. A lot of groups are not coordinated especially in the countryside because of how they are less linked geographically, more isolated, and it takes too long to travel. The Derby forum has 4 meetings a year and alternate between different parks. It is led by the council.

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Everyone was encouraged to contact the NFPGS to help create forums and explore linking up opportunities.

Dave Morris explained that following lobbying by the NFPGS and Parks Alliance for a national inquiry into the future of parks, the parliamentary Local Government Select Cttee of MPs conducted an Inquiry and produced recommendations to Government and the sector in 2017. The Parks Action Group (PAG) was set up, and a Minister for Parks identified.

The PAG asks: how do we ensure that our parks and green spaces are protected and properly managed for the future? There are a number of PAG work streams and projects underway, and the Community Empowerment stream (chaired by NFPGS) has organised these conferences.

The PAG is preparing a business case to present to Government departments and the Treasury, and others, to demonstrate the full value of parks and to raise the issues of long-term financial commitment to ensure they are properly managed for the benefit of communities.

What should we be telling the government and what should they be hearing?

- I work in the field of planning and more and more the developers are retaining ownership of the land, rather than local authorities now so management will be taken out of the usual hands and owned and maintained by private companies. There is a debate at a national level on these issues. It would be useful to have a charter (for us at the council). Could it be asked that it should be managed to a Green Flag Award standard for at least X amount of years. Important areas of discussion about who should be managing and paying for green spaces.
- There is a parks charter signed by many national organisations.
- There is an organisation called Fields in Trust campaigning for open spaces to be in protected trusts in perpetuity.
- Someone says that Fields in Trust have protected an area of Victoria Embankment but left one area out. And also, they are a small group of staff.
- PAG with different departments, is Department of Health involved? Health used to be the number 1 reason on the agenda for parks. But as LAs are managing parks, even in their agenda the health reasons have worked.
- Parks sit within MHCLG, the other very involved department is DEFRA. Health Dept have attended some PAG meetings but they are very focused on current outcomes and funding the NHS.
- Locally Michelle says they tried to engage with local health department, but it has been hard and the health service feels fragmented, it really depends on the GP surgery but it's worth trying especially including social prescribing.
- Local forum sits in on various health organisations. In Haringey the Friends Forum is lobbying for public health funding into parks.

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- In Derby there is a WellLive Scheme and that has brought in more volunteers and engagement. It is now volunteer led and not council led.
- Isn't the only way to guarantee green spaces and standards is through legislation?
- The NHS is undergoing a big reorganisation which should mean that they need to collaborate more at a local level.
- Public green spaces provide huge statutory benefits, but they don't get the funding needed to be of full benefit to people
- Directly go at the GP level to encourage people to go to local organisations, games groups, walking groups. Go directly to where your audience is.
- Struggling with number of events being held in the parks, but if the events aren't being held, they don't get the money to pay for the upkeep of the park. Money from events pay for groundskeepers etc.
- Councils are being encouraged to make money and commercialise their parks and green spaces. They say, "Please don't grumble, we need to do this to keep the park open."

Participants post-event feedback summary

The response was very positive, with high scores and appreciative comments.

Scores

5 being the highest mark.

Question	5	4	3	2	1	Blank
Usefulness of the day	10 (50%)	6 (30%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (10%)
Venue	10 (50%)	5 (25%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3(15%)
Food and Facilities	15 (75%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3(15%)
Workshop	6 (30%)	9 (45%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3(15%)
Total	41 (51%)	22 (28%)	6 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	11 (14%)

	Yes	Blank
I would like help to set up a Friends Forum	3 (15%)	17(85%)

Comments in Appendix 4.

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APPENDICES

1. Weblink to delegate pack resources

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1P36JrWZ01csN1Vo42GMDHSxOXquS-WWv>

2. Agenda

Time	Session
11:30	Registration and refreshments
12:00	Plenary: welcome and introductions
12:30	<p>Focused workshops/discussions - part 1</p> <p>Participants can attend 3 x 30min sessions in total in part 1 & 2. Part 1: attend 2 x 30min sessions from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a strong and diverse membership • Volunteering and project management • Partnership working with landowners/managers • Fundraising • Promotion and social media • Online resources – what is needed?
13:30	<p>Light lunch and refreshments</p> <p>- Time to browse material, and make 'Postcards to the Parks Action Group'</p>
14:15	<p>'Just a minute' showcase</p> <p>5 x 1min talks on successful ideas and activities or challenges for groups (focus on individual groups)</p>
14:25	<p>Focused workshops/discussions - part 2</p> <p>Participants can attend 3 x 30min sessions in total today Part 2: attend 1 x 30min session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a strong and diverse membership • Volunteering and project management • Partnership working with landowners/managers • Fundraising • Promotion and social media • Online resources – what is needed?
15:00	Plenary: reports back from the focussed workshops/discussions
15:15	<p>'Just a minute' showcase</p> <p>5 x 1min talks on successful ideas and activities or challenges (focus on forums and networks)</p>
15:25	<p>Final plenary</p> <p>Networking, and developing stronger communications, coordination and sustainability: how do we sustain and build on today's discussions?</p> <p>How do those who support parks, from community groups to Government, ensure our public green spaces are well-managed, enhanced and protected for future generations?</p>

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16:15	Time to chat, and refreshments
16:30	Close

3. Workshop attendance numbers

Not recorded

4. Feedback from comments

Usefulness

5

- Fantastic – I just wish more of my committee had come!
- Interesting to exchange information
- Really useful and encouraging (Even though I had a headache all day). Also extremely informative + relevant. Good networking
- Good to meet like-minded people

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- Good to meet others and hear very different accounts of different experiences
- Great networking event. Great to meet people on different journeys with common theme
- Good to network with other groups/delegates and find out what is happening elsewhere

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- Some workshops excellent. Some had too few members for proper discussion

No score

- Networking and hearing everyone's experiences, joys & challenges is great and very helpful
- Good
- Useful up to a point, not necessarily able to use some of the information

Venue

5

- Excellent facilities and venue
- Central – good
- Good, spacious building
- Worked well
- Great to have air conditioning

4.5

- Really good – except lack of windows, but comfortable + room

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- Comfortable but air con a little high
- Prefer a window but otherwise very good – comfortable – well lit
- Central. Rooms a bit too cool
- Satisfactory

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- No parking facilities
- Venue ok but high cost of parking to attend not so good

No score

- Partnership working – problems + [illegible] seemed too big to even summarise in short session. Didn't look at broader conclusions in that time
- Perfectly accessible + well sized

Food and facilities

5

- Very good
- Excellent, delicious
- Spot on
- Good
- Excellent quality and quantity
- Good plentiful amount
- Very high quality and fresh. Love the fresh fruit
- Good

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No score

- Thanks for the vegan cake! Not enough breaks to get [illegible]
- Good

Workshops

5

- Useful, will need feedback reports though as so much was talked about
- All were fantastic
- Could have been longer
- Could have done with longer time

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- Always too little time!!!!
- Just 3 workshops on 2 rotations would have been sufficient and and then we could have attended all. I look forward to the sharing of the comments.
- Interesting – useful
- Slightly too short
- Perhaps too dependent on individual participants – but useful themes. Uneven numbers of members allocate more efficiently?
- Useful to hear from other groups

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- Some useful conversation

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- Useful discussion but not always be able to follow up

No score

- Topics were well chosen. Good spread of 'chairs', workshops mainly inevitably dominated by individuals/groups' single issues – representative of the groups' needs but unfortunately meant some workshops not so useful for me

Any other comments

- A great day. You managed to make it interesting to all. Established groups + new groups
- If we had been given a little more noticed, we could have prepared some additional workshops or more specific information. Thank you for organising!
- Excellent agenda + event organisation. Success of day directly related to attendees – so good but would have been better with more folk.
- All good! Thank you
- We need contact details

5. Attendee Websites/Social media

Organisation/Group	Website Social Media
Green Tides (Adur and Worthing Green Spaces Partnership)	https://greentides.org.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/GreenTides/
Ashfield District Council	https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/
By Our Hands We make Our Way	http://wemakeourway.co.uk/
Charnwood Borough Council	https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/
Friends of Nottingham Arboretum	http://www.ng-spaces.org.uk/community-groups/friends-of-nottingham-arboretum/
Friends of the Forest	http://www.ng-spaces.org.uk/community-groups/friends-of-the-forest/
Friends of Breck Hill Park	https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Breck-Hill-Park-1947628421923575/
Friends of Cotgrave Country Park	https://www.cotgravecountrypark.co.uk/
Friends of Eastwood Park	http://www.friendsofeastwoodpark.org.uk/
Friends of Gedling Country Park	https://www.gedlingcountrypark.org.uk/

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Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park	https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Queen-Elizabeth-Park-Grantham-169077220539135/
Friends of Victoria Embankment	https://www.facebook.com/groups/32289504905/
Greenwood CF	http://www.greenwoodforest.org.uk/
Groundwork	https://www.groundwork.org.uk/
Haringey Friends of Parks Forum	http://www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk/
Home-Start Lincolnshire	https://homestartlincolnshire.co.uk/
Green Flag Award	http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/
Lincolnshire CVS	http://www.lincolnshirecvs.org.uk/
Locality	https://locality.org.uk/
My Community	https://mycommunity.org.uk/
Newark Foodbank	https://newark.foodbank.org.uk/
Newark Sports Association	https://newarksportsassociation.org.uk/
National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces	www.natfedparks.org.uk
Nottingham Local Access Forum	https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/localaccessforum
Nottingham Open Spaces Forum	http://nosf.org.uk/index.html
Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust	https://nottsgt.org/
Nottm Green Festival	
Notts Wildlife Trust City Local Group	https://www.nottinghamshirewildlife.org/
STAA	http://staa-allotments.org.uk/
Wyndham Park Forum	http://www.wyndhamparkgrantham.org.uk/public/forum.php

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