

Case Study Template – Setting up area Friends Group Forums

Name of Forum
Haringey Friends of Parks Forum
When was the group set up?
2002
How many members does the group have?
30 groups

What prompted the group to set up?
Mutual support. Its influence really took off after a borough-wide campaign to save part of a park under threat of development.
What is the management structure of the group?
Bi-monthly general meetings
Who is invited to meetings?
All Friends groups, plus senior parks officials for part of the meeting
How does the forum interact with the council?
Very good partnership-working all round
What support is offered to member groups?
Mutual support through email list. Strategic backing.
What activities does the group undertake?
Newsletter, engagement with Council over strategic policy and management issues
How is the group funded?
No funding, except Council pays for the room hire.
Advantages of Friends Groups
They've made a huge difference in raising the profile of green spaces in the borough, and also in helping access millions of pounds from outside sources.
Advantages of Forums
The Forum has transformed the culture of one Council department in its relationship to the community, from bunker mentality to genuine partnership.

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