

GreenSpace East Open Meeting

**Healthy Green Spaces Healthy People**

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Hylands House, Chelmsford

# GreenSpace East

- Background to Forum
- The Regional importance
- Steering Group
- Membership
- Future
- Why join

# Background to Forum

- Chequered history
- Unsustainable membership
- No Forum Manager
- New way forward

# The Regional importance

- Growth
- Diversity
  - Populations
  - Wildlife
  - Landscape character
- Water
- Rural/Urban

# Steering Group

- New Chairman
- Keen and enthusiastic team
- Mainly LA based
- Broaden remit and constituency

# Membership

- Key area of activity
- Need to enlarge membership
  - Capture the interest of all sectors
    - Public sector
    - Private sector
    - Third sector
- Build awareness

# The Future

- Membership categories
- Fees/Costs
- Communication
  - Newsletter
  - Emails
  - Web pages

# The Future

- Sub-groups
  - Membership
  - Access
  - Benchmarking
  - Friends
  - Wider participation
  - Training

# Why join

- Access to communication network
- Access to research and technical information
- Access to training, best practice, and benchmarking
- A strengthened voice for green spaces

# Why join

- Promotion of your activities
- Links to policy makers
- Links to the Green Flag Award
- Access to funding information
- Contact with other public, private and voluntary sector organisations

# The Future

- If you are interested
  - See me
  - See Paul Van Damme

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