

# GreenSpace South East

Regional Update

# Changes in the sector

- Merger of CABI into the Design Council
- CSR impact on Natural England, Forestry Commission and Environment Agency and local authorities
- Significant new policy shifts – Localism Bill, Natural Environment White Paper, National Planning Policy Framework, Healthy Lives Healthy People

# Achievements this year

- Two successful Green Flag Award demonstration days
- Two successful Heritage Lottery Fund surgeries
- Green Infrastructure and Health masterclass



# Policy and Advocacy

- With significant policy changes GreenSpace continues to advocate and promote the benefits of parks and green spaces in all relevant Government consultations
- This year we have responded to:
  - [National Planning Policy Framework](#), DCLG, Sept 2011
  - The [registration of new town or village greens](#) Defra July 2011
  - [Independent Panel on Forestry](#), Defra, July 2011
  - [Best value](#): new draft statutory guidance, DCLG, June 2011
  - [A New Era for the Waterways](#) - A consultation on the Government's proposals for moving inland waterways into a new charity in England and Wales, Defra, June 2011
  - Proposals to introduce a [Community Right to Challenge](#), DCLG, May 2011

# Policy and Advocacy

- Further policy responses on:
  - Proposals to introduce a [Community Right to Buy](#) – Assets of Community Value, DCLG, May 2011
  - Consultation on the [Heritage Lottery Fund's strategic framework](#) for 2013 - 2019, April 2011
  - [Joint advice for developers](#) NE, EA, FC & Defra, March 2011
  - [Reducing the horticultural use of peat](#) in England Defra, March 2011
  - [Giving Green](#) Paper Cabinet Office, March 2011
  - [National Heritage Protection Plan](#), English Heritage, Feb 2011
  - [National Planning Policy framework](#), DCLG, Feb 2011
  - [Discontinuation of national play contracts](#) Feb 2011
  - Business plans and data management, Defra, Jan 2011
  - [Supporting a Stronger Civil Society](#) ONCS, Jan 2011
  - [Modernising Commissioning](#) Cabinet Office, Jan 2011
  - [Public Service Reform Plans](#) Cabinet Office, Jan 2011

It's been a  
busy year!

# GreenLINK

- GreenLINK brings together, at a national level, organisations that are active in the parks and green space sector. Participating organisations include charities and trusts, social enterprises and other non-governmental bodies.
- Policy responses collectively on:
  - [National Planning Policy Framework](#), DCLG, Oct 2011
  - [Natural Environment White Paper](#), Defra, June 2011
  - [Review of Design Council CABE](#), Design Council, June 2011
  - [Healthy lives, healthy people](#): our strategy for public health in England DoH, March 2011

# Membership and funding

- Despite difficult financial times we have retained 18 existing and gained a further 7 new supporters – total 25
- New supporters continue to join throughout the year
- No DCLG grant this year so reliant on membership and grants
- Current financial position – income £16,338, expenditure £31,449, bank reserves £14,290
- Position @ 31/03/11 **-£820.35** (inc. reserves in bank)
- No bank reserves carry forward for 2012/13

# Projects planned...

- Increase membership within the GreenSpace membership review – to offer greater benefits
- Health questionnaire - in response to our Masterclass event develop a questionnaire that can be used for all park users participating in healthy activities
- Further GI Masterclasses on Climate Change and Community Engagement
- Community/Friends groups conference and network development