

## **Green Space Devon Meeting, MRF, Exton Road, Exeter, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 08.**

### **Present:**

Lindsay Evans, Torbay  
Paul Faulkner, Exeter  
Nick Jones, Plymouth  
Richard Keating, GreenSpace  
Ross Kennerley, South Hams  
Mark Pollard, East Devon  
Richard Taylor, Torbay  
Mike Vine, East Devon

### **Apologies:**

Emma Gorbutt, West Devon

### **Summary of discussion:**

Recognising the benefits of supporting each other at a county level, the group decided to operate as a self managing peer group (with input from GreenSpace) by:

- Holding meetings and site visits which look at subjects and common issues in depth, such as:
  - Green Space Strategy, sub-regional strategies
  - Developing common standards regards developer contributions
  - Regeneration
  - Allotment Provision
  - Local Produce
  - Community Gardening
  - Elderly people
  - Climate change
  - Anti-social behaviour
- Arranging briefing meetings by experts on matters such as:
  - Access To Nature
  - Active Devon
  - Play

#### **NOTE about meetings:**

- As appropriate, meetings to include joint working with other networks and invitations to other appropriate staff within LAs
- Chairing/hosting of meetings to be rotated amongst members
- Desire to encourage other Devon authorities to attend and contribute
- meetings to be held in between Regional GreenSpace Forums, one of these to be an annual planning session to link with GreenSpace South West Forum's annual planning by feeding requests for resources and events
- Group to be represented on Regional Forum Steering Group, currently Nick Jones and Richard Taylor

The group also agreed to work together to raise the profile of green space work, to muster resources/expertise and present a common response to consultations and issues as they arise. This to include:

- developing cross boundary working including jointly bidding for resources
- raising membership to pay for GreenSpace support and co-ordination
- developing a local directory of people within each authority, including those with

expertise in:

parks, play, trees, allotments, events, marketing, Local Development Frameworks, grounds maintenance, sports, design, street furniture, procurement

- emailing requests for information about specific issues
- allocating resources to manage the GreenSpace website

The group also suggested that GreenSpace share the regional agenda with:

- Leisure Officers
- Groundwork
- Play officers
- CABE
- Government Office
- Police
- Health sector
- Wildlife Trusts

and develop an understanding of what ISPAL's delivery plans are for the ensuing year.

### **next steps**

- next meetings
  1. 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Plymouth– half day visits to include regeneration, funding and partnership:  
West Hoe Natural Play, The Hoe and Foreshore HLF funded project and friends group  
Contact: Nick Jones  
Suggested meeting for pub lunch beforehand – Nick to circulate details.
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Sidmouth, East Devon – half day visit to include anti social behaviour, catering for elderly people, planning for climate change  
Contact: Mark Pollard
- “LA Experts Directory”: all to collect and circulate information about useful contacts within their own authority, listing names, role, contact details and areas of expertise
- Making contact with other authorities: members present offered to contact their colleagues in neighbouring authorities