

GreenSpace
Yorkshire & the Humber
Open Meeting
Tuesday 24th November 2009
Temple Newsam, Leeds

Mission Statement

To champion quality and sustainable green spaces throughout the region that improve the quality of life for our residents and enhance Visitor experience.

Steering Group

- Steering Group currently comprises of representation from:
- Local Authorities
- Voluntary/community sector
- Natural England
- Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens
- GreenSpace Staff & Trustee
- English Heritage
- Green Flag Award Judges Association Committee regional representative

Local Authority sub regional representation

- North Yorkshire – Harrogate Borough Council
- South Yorkshire – Sheffield City Council
- West Yorkshire – Leeds City Council & Wakefield MDC
- East Yorkshire – Kingston upon Hull City Council
- North Lincolnshire – North Lincolnshire Council

Progress since the last Open Meeting

- The Steering Group have meet twice since the last Open Meeting.
- The group have revised the 3 to 5 year Business Plan.
- Developed an Annual Action Plan, to help give the steering group clear priorities.
- Developed and sent out membership requests.
- Started to develop an application for a grant from CLG to employ a Forum Manager.

Steering Group Action Plan September 2009 - March 2010

1. Communicating with Key Stakeholders around the Region

1. Engage with Members and non Members via e mail, personal contact etc, identify their main issues, and assist where possible.
2. Advocate the Benefits of GreenSpace Regional Membership.
3. Develop the arrangements and hold an Open Meeting in Autumn 2009.

2. Securing Membership

1. Determine the position for non LA membership and fees for Yorkshire & The Humber
2. Membership drive to secure expanded membership and funds.

3. Member Representation and Steering Group

1. Secure representation of all the sub regions on the Steering Group.
2. Support sub Regional reps to engage with others in their sub region.
3. Agree and secure representation of the major National and Regional organisations on the Steering Group.
4. Establish stability and ongoing regular representation on the Steering Group.
5. Establish arrangements for Steering Group business, including quarterly meetings, standard agenda items, monitoring of the Action Plan, review of the Business Plan etc.,.

4. Business Plan / Action Plan

1. Business Plan reviewed, revised and agreed by Steering Group.
2. Action Plan reviewed, revised and agreed by Steering Group.
3. Arrange in future to review Action Plan quarterly and Business Plan annually.

5. Securing Funding

1. Secure funding to enable the running of the GreenSpace Y & H Regional Forum.
2. Secure sufficient funding to match fund the employment of a Regional Worker.
3. Secure CLG funding via GreenSpace towards the employment of a Regional Worker.

6. Recruiting a Regional Officer

1. Steering Group to agree Job Description, Person Specification etc.
2. Agree Line Management support and other administrative arrangements.
3. Recruitment
4. Regional Worker appointed and commences role.

7. Main Priorities identified by Members

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2. .

Benefits of GreenSpace Yorkshire and the Humber to your organisation will include:

- Access to research and training, sharing of best practice, networking and information dissemination throughout the region
- Promotion and support of the benefits of good quality parks and green spaces using cross cutting agendas and themes
- Links to policy makers and influencing bodies such as CABI Space and regional decision makers
- A strengthened voice for parks and green spaces, conveyed to target audiences and key decision makers
- Links to the Green Flag Award to increase regional representation and affect the future development of the scheme
- Contact with other public, private and voluntary sector organisations to enable networking and information exchange

National Benefits

- One discounted place per organisation at GreenSpace conferences
- Main contact receives six issues of Spaces&Places per year
- Main contact receives twelve issues of the e-mail letter newsletter The Bench per year
- Discounts when you subscribe to GreenSTAT(visitor survey system)
- Discounts on organisational sign up to IPGS, Institute of Parks and Green Spaces
- Discounts on organisational sign up to GreenSKILL(a system for monitoring/recording skills, qualifications and CPD)
- Opportunity to influence the policy and direction of GreenSpace and vote at AGM's

Discounted Membership Pricing Structure

GreenSpace Yorkshire & The Humber Membership	
Population size over 300,000	£ 2000
Population size over 250,000	£ 1500
Population size over 150,000	£ 1000
Population size under 150,000	£ 500

Members of the region who pledged financial support at or since the last open meeting

- Leeds
- Sheffield
- Harrogate
- City of York
- Scarborough
- Wakefield
- Rotherham
- North East Lincolnshire

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