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Harrow Local Agenda 21 - 'The Way Forward'

March 24th 2010 workshop at Harrow Civic Centre - Documentation

Aims of the workshop

- to symbolically bring closure to the 10 year plan of 1997, and celebrate its achievements;
- to consult with the membership on the impact Harrow LA21 should seek to make over the coming 3-5 years;
- and to involve members in such a way as to build consensus, ownership & commitment to a common way forward

Process outline

time	session
5.45	Arrivals & refreshments
6.00	Opening, overview & introductions
6.30	Closure & celebration of 10-year plan
7.00	'Consensus Workshop' - <i>"what difference would we like to see Harrow LA21 make in Harrow over the coming 3 years, in terms of social, economic & environmental sustainability?"</i>
9.00-9.15	Reflection & close

What would make this workshop worthwhile?

- Summary of 10 years looking ahead -- need for realism. How many people, how actively involved.
- More interaction with other groups – joint shared activities make better use of resources – Human rather than £££
- To meet other group members that I only see occasionally, ideas to drive H.A.21 forward
- Generate a more enthusiastic and involved membership
- Additional key personnel – succession problems
- Confidence that H.A.21 will survive and succeed with out me -- or being comfortable with the fact that it won't.
- Overcoming my guilt for stepping down from such active involvement
- Evidence of greater enthusiasm to persuade people to conserve the planet
- Some thing I can take away and use in my paid work
- Team goals

Consensus Workshop

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Adoption of GNH indicators

Enhanced natural habitat	People motivated to participate in local decision making	Local energy generation encouraged	Awareness and understanding of sustainability raised	People of all ages to behave more sustainably	Residents helped to save money and reduce CO2 emissions, fuel poverty reduced	Less waste	Pleasanter built environment
Green spaces, back gardens and roads with trees and grass verges protected Green belt preserved	Harrow's great steady state debate Real progress in community development Move to participative democracy Demonstrate and promote participation in local democracy Network of tenants and residents associations created and supported.	Micro-generation-(domestic) Credible local energy generation Pyrolysis plant on Kodak site (land fill waste) C.H.P Financial incentive for domestic energy production	A forum for sustainability discussion and action Wider knowledge of sustainability Educate the councillors about what sustainability actually means	Implement school travel plans Use cultural Olympiad to celebrate Harrow L.A.21 Support environmental education lunch clubs Grow your own greens in primary schools Fewer teen pregnancies	Energy efficiency in buildings Better insulated homes (owned and rented) Replace lit road signs with reflective ones New housing (council and housing associations) Energy and water efficiency Energy efficient volunteers	Encourage composting waste in more homes Reduce residual waste	Less cars more bikes and more public transport Wider variety of shops

Participants' evaluation

What have I appreciated most about today?

- Very useful session in consolidating future programme
- Opportunity to raise issues that need talking about
- Always great to meet like-minded people, very encouraging that all ideas were listened to
- Well facilitated, well done!
- Great to meet and hear other members views
- Helped to generate ideas and structure for our future
- Opportunity to participate
- Consensus workshop was brilliant for generating ideas
- A way forward has emerged

What have I appreciated least about today?

- Delegates did not reflect the diversity of Harrow -- How do we get people to engage?
- Control of individuals