

Epping Forest- changing times



How do we or do we respond?

Partners play a part in the Forest Friends of Epping Forest



With a great past over 45 years

'The only group focussed on the Forest as a whole and all interests'

Knowledgeable about the Forest, over time

Largest single voluntary membership organisation in the Forest

The Forest has benefitted from 'Friends'

What do we do?



**Preserve the Forest
(planning and consultations)**

**Encourage an interest in,
enjoyment & understanding
of the Forest**

Guided walks

Epping Forest Centenary Walk

Occasional publications

& now operate the Visitor Centre



Caring for Epping Forest



Gifford Wood fundraising



Enabling the Forest to grow by 30 acres

Purchased 2012; planted in 2013





Operated the Centre from April 5, 2014

Clocked up....



361 days open

35,000 visitors

772 volunteer days

**Part of Loughton
Festival 2016**

**Focussing on the
Easy Access Trail
– 8 groups, 74
participants**

Our concerns about the Forest



Wood pasture restoration

Cycling

Litter

Development threatening the Forest

Risk of the Forest losing its naturalness

Localism- a fantastic PLUS, but a risk





Wood pasture – what was it like?

How much can/should be restored?

Cycling



Does it pose a risk to our soils and wildlife?





Litter is about Forest quality, public value & cost





**When does it become
a park?**





**For us... we want to do more-
policy, research, delivery on the
ground.**



‘The best classroom and the richest cupboard are roofed only by the sky’

Enriching lives, enriching Epping Forest





Stronger together

Working together for Epping Forest & its communities

Preserving the Forest
Increasing understanding, enjoyment & appreciation

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