



Green Arc: Briefing Note

Introduction

The original Green Arc was a visionary project, with an ambitious scope: no less than to radically improve the environmental quality of the north-eastern quadrant of London's green belt, for the benefit of people and wildlife. The founding partners were Natural England and the City of London Corporation, with all of the relevant government agencies and environmental charities and other strategic partners. A website was established, and a number of valuable projects were carried out by the Green Arc partners, but the far-reaching ambitions were not achieved. The partnership became inactive other than an annual meeting.

However, the aims remain relevant, the need for the work is even more pressing, and the increasing importance of Green Infrastructure in government thinking on planning and economic regenerations creates a new opportunity. As a result, the Green Arc partners agreed that the One Epping Forest Partnership should be given the opportunity to revive the project, using the remaining funds for that specific objective.

Making it happen

The One Partnership's undertaking to the Green Arc partnership is that it will ensure the future of the project by:

- Hosting regular meetings
- Coordinating the efforts of partners to meet the projects aims
- Ensuring liaison across the partnership
- Arranging an annual stakeholder conference
- Holding a partnership AGM
- Developing funding streams
- Stimulating increased partnership and promoting activity
- Developing active links to similar groups/ projects more widely.

The immediate priority is to re-establish the partnership as a coherent body, with leadership in the form of a steering board, under the Chairmanship of Cllr Nigel Bedford and with named contacts at the political, senior management and operational levels. There will be with an initial meeting of the board in February 2019.