

Wyre Forest Matters Forum – Feedback from the Evaluation Sheets

How would you rate your knowledge of Wyre Forest Matters before the Forum?

Level of knowledge	1 (poor)	2	3	4	5 (brilliant)
Number of attendees who selected	7	11	11	2	0

How do you rate your knowledge of Wyre Forest Matters after the Forum?

Level of knowledge	1 (poor)	2	3	4	5 (brilliant)
Number of attendees who selected	0	0	15	15	1

Points difference – knowledge has moved on by:

- 0 points – 5 people (3-3, 4-4)
- 1 point – 16 people (2-3, 3-4)
- 2 points – 6 people (1-3, 2-4)
- 3 points – 4 people (1-4, 2-5)

How do you feel about the Forum generally?

Positive - looking forward to seeing it develop and achieve. I hope it will provide a good opportunity for partnership work and projects and facilitate larger organisations supporting smaller ones and vice versa

Proactive group of individuals who need strong leadership

Good in parts

Happy with concept

The concept is good, but the proof of the pudding will be in the eating

A good idea in principle

Disappointing first meeting - felt it was a bit of a talking shop

Ok

Cautious but I think it is a good opportunity to build on

I think it will be relevant to me.

I think it is a valuable forum to pull things together

There is a danger that it will turn into a meeting we attend, listen to speakers and then leave. More networking time would be good.

A good idea

Excellent opportunity to generate ideas and share information for supporting delivery of the SCS and LAA

The technical aspects of the LAA outcomes are rather obscure

A necessary evil

Has great potential, the theory behind it is excellent. Information sharing between partners is a good opportunity

Excellent opportunity to get people together to actually implement the SCS and the LAA

A positive move towards partnership working

Not sure how it will operate in the future, and if it will be able to fulfil the role suggested today.

Good idea

Could be a useful vehicle for sharing best practice, effecting positive change, joining forces on key projects etc

Well attended by various organisations. Informative

Good idea and a good way to network

I think this is a good idea to bring everyone together and start to dovetail what we are doing

Quite a negative vibe actually. I feel people need to be a bit more positive about the Forum and LSP in general. Also, more awareness raising of the SCS - more copies distributed please

Very positive

A very useful forum to share information and knowledge

Cautious but hopeful. I hope that it does generate a "bottom up" ethos to moving forwards

Hopeful

A good idea in principle, but membership seems so "ad hoc" - is this really

representative?

Needs to develop its purpose and processes. Needs to remember community, outward looking focus, not just organisational crossovers

What has the Forum done well today?

Provided information

Brought a good range of organisations together

Brought stakeholders together

Made a start

Website

Well organised

Tidy Wyre Forest

Brought together an eclectic mix of people. Opened up discussions. started the explanation of the Forum and everything linked to it

Presented itself positively

Initiated the new chapter of the LSP

Got people together. Website

Good overview of the LSP and indicators

Shared information. Gave more info on the LSP

Outlined role and website. Outlined LAA targets. Allowing lots of audience participation

Clear explanation of its purpose and framework. Useful to see the website - gave me ideas of how we can contribute. Useful information exchanged on forthcoming events

Explained the purpose of the Forum and engaged attendees by getting us involved in exercises

Allowed a variety of partners to express views/ideas. Variety of methods allowed all a view

Brought together a range of people from different organisations

Explained the overall set up and an example of an actual partner project

Good to reconnect with its members. Get the Forum back on the agenda

Provide a feel for what the Forum is about

A very good start

Brought together people from organisations that don't generally get together

Given an outline

Gave info. Got a lot of people together

Moved the issue forward

Got a large group together. Although educations (schools) noticeably absent. (it is summer hols...)

Amassed lots of projects to draw common themes and put people in touch with each other

Presentations. obtained information through exercises which will be fed back

What could the Forum do better?

Help to identify gaps in LAA targets that need to be addressed and lobby for change if needed

Can't answer that - yet!

Improvement involvement of local population!

Early days yet

Clear the message of history and simplify the targets for discussion. Less is more!

Identify nature and range of participants - and non-participants

More professional presentations. Also, exercises not clear

Too early to tell!

More members from the community

Need clearer steer on what the Board is doing

More organised space to get their events and announcements across - maybe on web

Ensure all members are prepared to look forward and work together in a positive way instead of complaining about what has/hasn't happened in the past

Clarify LSP structures at county and district levels. e.g. organisations who contribute,

their roles.

Better (non-instant) coffee!

Would be useful to share contact details of attendees. Need clarity on the way forward (after appointing chair/vice chair)

Don't know yet, they are still new

Suggest more information could have been provided to inform the actual aims - target data - what happens if we don't do anything? (not suggesting that we do nothing!)

Be more focussed - but that will probably happen. Leave with actions!

Become more action focussed

How many of those invited actually attended - what are the implications of the gaps?

Improve the quality of the presentations

Develop community champions on issues/target areas

To see who was missing and why?

Positive team working. Awareness raising - listening to people's views rather than discounting them

Increase networking time

Not sure yet

What function do you think the Forum should fulfil?

Represent the community at district level

Facilitate organisations getting to know each other

Sounding/discussion board - positive outlook!

A link between business-council-voluntary

Act as community leaders to build from the organisations involved the principles and methods of effective working. Possible tasking from the Board on community engagement

What has been set out today

A sounding board

Action group

I'd like to leave this until my knowledge of WFM is better

Be candid between the LSP Board and the community

Be the mechanism to steer the LAA in order that WF can benefit - achieve better funding

Feed into Board

Bring in revenue into the area by fulfilling LAA targets

Vehicle for sharing information/best practice, vehicle for bringing forward community priorities, looking at how resources can be pooled to achieve more

To eliminate duplication and facilitate the way forward

Advisory to the LSP. Best practice/information sharing

Deliver on SCS/LAA targets that aren't being delivered through other channels or particularly need many partners to work together

An information resource. To provide awareness of partner organisation activities - aid consultation

A more bottom up approach, share, exchange information. Communication

Not sure whether the Forum could fulfil all the functions and whether there could be sub-groups to feed into the Forum

Opportunity to influence decision making

To bring all activities of partners together

Identify objectives from a short list

Link up the board and back down to partners and coal face workers

Encourage partners to co-work, share knowledge, flag up opportunities etc

Link small projects together that may not fully meet LAA targets so that a combined project could be submitted to enable the projects to meet targets. Link large organisations and small projects to meet targets as above.

What would you like to talk/hear about at future Forums?

Potential projects being developed that may be submitted for LAA funding

Take (say) 3 main objectives to concentrate on in a number of ways e.g. 1 x health, 1 x economy, 1 x education

What improvement can be considered for rural areas, small firms and consequently small projects

What are government really wanting

Community projects

Upcoming projects that others could share and make use of

What will happen to deliver - actual projects, both in specific themes and cross cutting

Would be useful to look at themes without LAA targets, understand what everyone is doing to contribute and undertake a gap analysis. This would enable representatives to think about how they could shape future projects to fill the gaps

How our work can link in and work with other organisations

Funding opportunities, ongoing projects

Actions and results from member organisations

More of what is already going on

Working together

I would like more awareness raising of the LDF. What about parish representatives? Parish Planning?

Small presentations from projects/organisations in order to increase understanding

Structured way forward

Any other thoughts...

Working with partners across the district

Starting the meeting in the middle of lunch is a problem. Why not start it at 2pm?

Need to link into other Forums and working groups. Must not assume that VCS organisations have the resources to deliver

Would be useful to have a page on the website where members could submit projects themselves

Needed someone from Connexions here as illustrated by lack of post its on the education section! Website - noticeboard for questions, or place we can post funding information, or ask questions about a project that is about to launch e.g. "is anyone else aware of a project that covers x?" - the noticeboard would email all members to notify them of the new posting

Need a strong chair to ensure focus and that Forum doesn't become a talking shop as will have lots of members attending and don't want it to become unwieldy. Chair needs to be proactive when on the Board.

Greater thought to education. Greater consideration to economic development.

Ask each partner to identify how many people they represent - this will indicate how strong the Forum could be. Often the "general public" don't see the emergence issues and rely on the media to share their thoughts - forum debate could dispel popularly held myths!