

Wigan Borough Partnership Convention 2007

Comments & Issues from Workshops

Over 200 people took part in 2 workshop discussions during the convention - covering the following topics:

Below is a selection of comments/issues from both workshops.

For full details of the workshops, please contact the Community Engagement Team on 01942 776155 or email lsadmin@wigan.gov.uk

Morning Workshop

<p>What are we doing that helps the planet?</p> <p>What are we already doing to help to make the world a greener place?</p>	<p>Selection of comments from workshop tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Car sharing at workWigan have made a start on recyclingIncrease in community environmental groupsEnergy saving bulbsNew buildings more eco-friendlyRecycling more office paperPaper kerbside collection (recycling)Turning thermostat down on central heatingShowers instead of bathsMore awareness of Fair Trade productsImprovement of awareness of the impact of our lifestylesIncrease paper recyclingWalking instead of drivingEducating the next generation about global issuesBags for life at supermarketsRecognising need to reduce car use and improve public transport
<p>What are the key issues facing us locally?</p> <p>What are the key issues facing us locally?</p>	<p>Recycling/Environment/Energy Efficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Need for more recycling pointsBetter planning of recycling bins in neighbourhoodsBoroughwide provision of "Green Bins"Better awareness for people on low income to access and implement low cost energy efficiency measures at homePackaging (supermarkets)Climate change needs to be addressed in Community Plan <p>Traffic/Transport/Congestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Traffic congestion on roadsBarriers to cycling, not enough cycle parkingNeed for effective sustainable travel planPoor road infrastructureNo train station in Leigh

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Afternoon Workshop

<p>What areas/actions do we (as organisations and as a borough) need to concentrate on?</p>	<p>Traffic/Transport/Congestion Use technology to reduce the need to travel e.g. work from home Walk and cycle to work Improving community transport Think more about location of services to make more accessible other than by car Highlight better the benefit of school travel plans Reduce the number of cars on school runs – school buses Effective sustainable travel plan Smarter travel – walking – car share Limited public transport to Leisure facilities – doesn't encourage young people to use it</p> <p>Environment/Recycling/Energy Efficiency Better home recycling facilities Landfill sites are a problem Economic efforts to be more sustainable Lack of kerbside collections Renewable energy sources Change of general lifestyle More environmental education in schools Reducing unnecessary paper work Eco friendly council Energy efficiency in council buildings Boroughwide provision of "green bins" Better availability of grants four houses to be more energy efficient</p>
<p>What do we need to be doing more differently?</p>	<p>Traffic/Transport/Congestion Better promotion of pedestrian routes to reduce car use Provision of more school buses Better provision for cyclists (at work – showers/storage etc) Joined up approach by all council departments on effective sustainable travel</p> <p>Environment/Recycling/Energy Efficiency Provision of more community gardens Incentives for businesses to behave differently – e.g. less business rates for shops who don't use plastic bags Reducing Co2 emissions Promoting the Fair Trade products available</p>

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