Epping Forest- changing times



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'

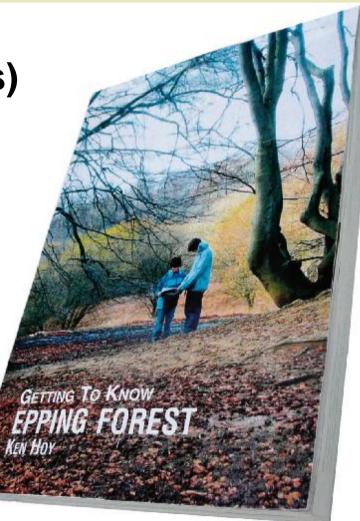
What do we do?



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







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?



Does it pose a risk to our soils and wildlife?





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Litter is about Forest quality, public value & cost



When does it become a park?





For us... we want to do morepolicy, 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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