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APSE Parks Seminar 2020

Parks in a changing climate – the importance of greenspaces to ameliorating the effects of climate change, improving health and well-being and protecting and enhancing biodiversity



Friday 13 March 2020

Telford Hotel and Golf Resort

Sutton Heights, Great Hay Drive, Telford TF7 4DT

Programme

09:00 Registration and exhibition viewing

10:00 Session one

Welcome and Opening Address by Cllr Carolyn Healy, Cabinet Member for Visitor Economy & The World Heritage Site, Telford and Wrekin Council

APSE State of the Market Parks and Horticultural Services/ Parks Action Group Update

- Results analysis and trends
- The work of the Parks Action Group
- Future issues for the management of parks and greenspaces

Paul O'Brien APSE Chief Executive

"Averting the Insect Apocalypse"

- Global evidence suggesting that insects are in rapid decline
- Understanding the importance of insects to ecosystems
- Identifying the causes of decline
- The need to make urban areas more insect-friendly

Dave Goulson, Professor of Biology (Evolution, Behaviour and Environment) School of Life Sciences, University of Sussex

Helping to deliver nature based solutions to combat climate change within urban parks.

- EU Grow Green project – embedding nature based solutions in cities
- Identifying and developing nature based solutions
- West Gorton Park - A case study

Michelle Oddy, Grow Green Project Co-Ordinator, Manchester City Council

Audience question and answer session

11:15 Coffee break and exhibition viewing

11:45 Session two

Creating a real buzz! Brent's Bee Corridor (APSE Parks Innovation Award Winner 2019)

- The need to save money and enhance biodiversity
- Planning for pollinators
- Celebrating international and national recognition

Kelly Eaton, Parks, Policy and Projects Manager, Brent Council

Creating and Delivering a county-wide, in-house, integrated greenspace service

- Identifying the need to change previous service methodologies
- Which services to include?
- Apprentices and volunteers new roles and responsibilities

Giles Nicholson Countryside and Greenspace Manager, Dorset Council

Powering Parks - tackling climate change, improving air quality and generating income

- One of NESTA's Rethinking Parks pilots
- Identifying sites and the technology needed
- Developing a replication toolkit to allow others to develop similar schemes

Bruce Irving, Parks Development Officer, the London Borough of Hackney & Alex Schlicke, Co Director at Scene

Audience question and answer session

13:00 Lunch and exhibition viewing

14:00 Session three

Investing in a Greener Greater Manchester.

- Working with nature to address the impacts of climate change
- Developing innovative financing models
- Successes and future benefits

Jo Regan IGNITION Salford Programme Manager

The Digital Future of Giving to Support our Public Parks

- Benefits of contactless donation technology
- Current challenges in application of technology
- What works and what doesn't

Michael Rowland, Strategic Lead for Greenspace & Conservation, BCP Council; Trustee - Bournemouth Parks Foundation

The Fields in Trust UK's Best Park Award 2019 - Stanley Park, Blackpool

- Fields in Trust Best UK Park Award
- Developing and managing a much loved community asset
- Maintaining the standards and future plans

Diane Farley, Parks Operational Manager, Blackpool Council

Audience question and answer session

15:30 Close of seminar

Exhibition and sponsorship:

There will also be a wide variety of exhibitors attending the event covering all aspects of parks and horticultural services.

As always there will be plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues from across the UK.

To discuss exhibition and sponsorship opportunities please contact:

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Seminar Objectives

About the seminar

Despite being very much a rural society for millennia, over the past three centuries, human development and living space has congregated more and more around the hardscapes of roads and buildings associated with our towns and cities worldwide.

Yet despite this shift in society there is still a strong desire to retain our links with greenspaces, most notably reflected in the development of public parks. Our Victorian forefathers recognised this need for greenspaces very early on as cramped living conditions and stifling working environments created by industrialisation took their toll on workers' health and lifestyles. Many of our public parks in the UK originate from this period.

The view that parks, particularly urban parks and the wider green infrastructure have a critical role in improving the nation's health and general wellbeing is now widely accepted.

By providing places for exercise, cultural events and for everyday contact with the environment, parks show themselves to be a vital part of our lives, especially as many of us are now increasingly limiting our daily movements to home-working or commuting to and from our places of work.

Despite their value, parks and greenspaces are facing unprecedented budgetary cuts, which are threatening their future existence. Past APSE State of the Market Surveys on Parks, revealed that most parks managers expected revenue for parks to continue to decrease and many expect reductions in capital investment. So severe are these threats that the Government have now promised to take action with regards to preserving our parks for both current and future generations.

It is against this backdrop of ongoing budget reductions that APSE's 2020 Annual Parks Seminar intends to give colleagues some hope, by exposing them to innovative approaches to securing the long-term future of these valuable environmental assets.

Therefore the seminar is a **MUST ATTEND EVENT** for those officers and members who want to look at new ways of dealing with parks and greenspace issues, whether these be financial, environmental, technological or social.

Presentations

This seminar has been designed to look at as wide a range of topics affecting parks as possible.

- Key issues for parks managers will be considered, through feedback on the results of APSE State of the Market report 2020 which concentrates on responses to many of the questions currently being considered by those officers and elected members tasked with sustaining their parks and green spaces.
- Consideration will also be given to how parks play a key role in protecting species numbers and diversities in areas which have until recently received too little consideration – insects. This presentation will provide a startling insight into the critical role insects have in maintaining vital ecosystems which we as a species rely on for our very existence.

The Venue

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Rail Telford Station – 6 miles

Air Birmingham International – 47 miles

Car Telford town centre 6 Miles
Ironbridge 4 Miles
Shrewsbury 20 Miles

- Continuing with the environmental theme, there will be a presentation on how one local authority is using nature-based solutions to combat the varied impacts of climate change as the basis of a new park they are creating.
- The importance of insects and pollinators will be further highlighted with a presentation from APSE's Environmental Innovation Award for Parks winner 2019, outlining how they have created landscapes within the parks for bees and other pollinators, which despite initial concerns have now gained local and international recognition.
- Integrating service delivery with greater use of apprentices and community volunteers to improving service cost and efficiency.
- There will also be presentation on how the financial challenges facing parks services can be addressed in a number of different ways, in this instance by gathering income via heat generation from ground source heat pumps in parks
- We will hear how working with nature, solutions such as rain gardens, street trees, green roofs and walls and development of green spaces can help tackle socio-environmental challenges including increases in flooding events, water security, air quality, biodiversity and human health and wellbeing.
- Looking to the future, we will hear about a NESTA sponsored digital fundraising project for parks, which will allow visitors to donate when they visit their parks and greenspaces.
- Despite the impacts of austerity and significant reductions in parks budgets nationally, there is still the opportunity to promote our wonderful parks and greenspaces through awards such as the Fields in Trust Park of the Year award. This presentation shows what it takes to win such a prestigious award.

As always there will be plenty of opportunities to network with colleagues from across the UK.

APSE will continue to argue that public parks must be funded by public money, because many believe that income generation and different funding sources are not in themselves enough to ensure the future sustainability of parks, and therefore should not be seen as the only solution to ongoing budget cuts. Therefore by providing a range of diverse and interesting speakers, APSE hopes to show there is still light at the end of the tunnel for our parks and greenspaces and that the information provided will help colleagues in their future roles to save and preserve some of the nation's greatest treasures for future generations.

Who should attend?

- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Parks, grounds maintenance, horticulture, landscape and green space professionals
- Climate change officers
- Biodiversity officers
- Best value officers
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Parks/landscape consultants
- Academic researchers
- Contractors and suppliers
- Voluntary organisations

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