



East Suffolk Community Partnership Board. Monday 13th June 2022

**Report by Steve Gallant on the Outcomes of “Bringing Ideas to Life”
East Suffolk Community Partnership Annual Forum 2022**

1. Forum Purpose:

For the Community Partnership Board to host a high-profile event in East Suffolk for representatives from our communities, voluntary organisations, public services and businesses that focusses on:

- The Board’s strategic priorities.
- The recommendations of the Peer Review.
- The eight Community Partnerships to i) highlight the impact they are having within their communities and ii) problem solve shared challenges.
- Celebrating success and demonstrating the impact of the Community Partnership Board and Community Partnerships.
- Sharing knowledge and expertise in the Suffolk System and beyond to work together for the benefit of our communities and businesses in East Suffolk.

2. Forum offer (to delegates):

- Networking opportunities across a range of different sessions.
- To get up to speed on what is happening and what is on the horizon in East Suffolk.
- Opportunity to collaborate and improve life for everyone who lives and works in East Suffolk.
- A platform to promote their organisation or business to a wide audience.

3. Constraints:

- The forum was organised in line with Covid guidance and may have had to be cancelled or changed to a virtual event at short notice.
- Trinity Park Conference Centre is the sole venue in East Suffolk that met the event requirements in terms of numbers and break out rooms

4. Resources:

- Support from individuals from a wide range of different organisations willing to offer resources and support to make it a success. The keynote speakers and facilitators did not charge for their time.
- Partnership Manager to pull the content together.
- ESC Communities Team support.
- £6,400.00 venue and catering costs.
- £3,357.50 to commission EELGA to provide event management support.
- Suffolk County Council sponsorship of breakfast session

5. Attendance:

- 211 delegates
- 12 x 60-minute workshop / seminar sessions (each delegate attended two)
- 10 delegates attended the additional breakfast session aimed at local businesses
- 30 organisations occupied a free stall in the 'marketplace'
- Three organisations had their project vehicles on display outside

6. Plenary:

- ["Introduction to the day and update on progress of the East Suffolk Partnerships"](#) by Steve Gallant
- ["Partnerships and Parishes: Delivering for People and Places"](#) by Jonathan Owen, Chief Executive, NALC

7. Event Outcomes:

- Steve Gallant celebrated success and demonstrated the impact of the Community Partnership Board and Community Partnerships.
- Jonathan Owen promoted the importance of our Town and Parish Councils engaging in our Community Partnerships
- A packed morning of workshops and seminars included a blend of experts in their field, together with our own successful local community-led projects. Ten of the sessions focused on Community Partnership priorities and the remaining two tackled issues raised by the peer review (Communications and Problem Solving). Full agenda [Programme-CP-Forum-25.03.22.pdf \(eelga.gov.uk\)](#). The outcomes of these session are being picked up by a range of partners, as well as informing the work of the Board and individual community partnerships.

8. How did we do?

A survey was created on SurveyMonkey, and a link sent to every delegate. The total number of responses was 101 (48%) and the results of that survey are shown in section 10 below.

Respondents were also given the option to comment, most of which were positive and supportive of the event in its current form. The following issues were also raised:

- Start time / location of the event makes it challenging for some delegates to get there using public transport
- More consideration be given to reduce the carbon footprint of the event

9. Conclusion and recommendations

The Board is asked to consider the contents of this report and give some thought to:

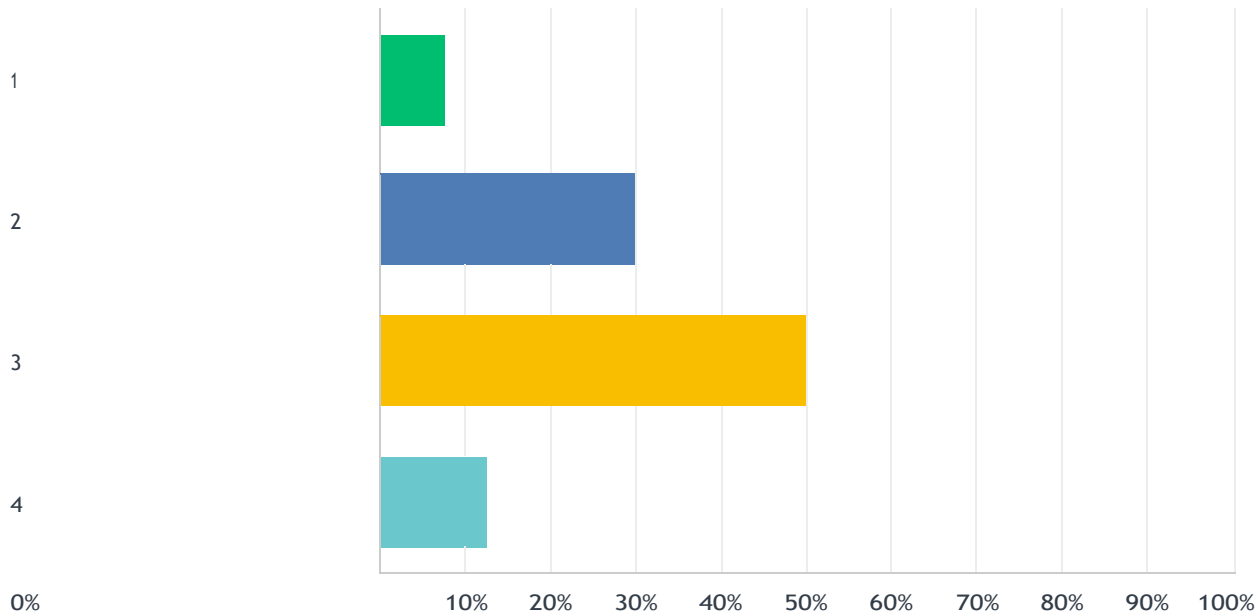
- The impact of the event set against its original purpose
- The Lessons learned that will help inform future events
- Initial ideas for how we may want to proceed for the Annual Forum 2023
- Revisit the idea of having another event later in the year, focussed on a single Board priority

10. Delegate feedback:

Q1 Having attended the event, will anything you learned change the way you work? (1 - not at all. 4 - very much.)

Answered: 101

Skipped: 0

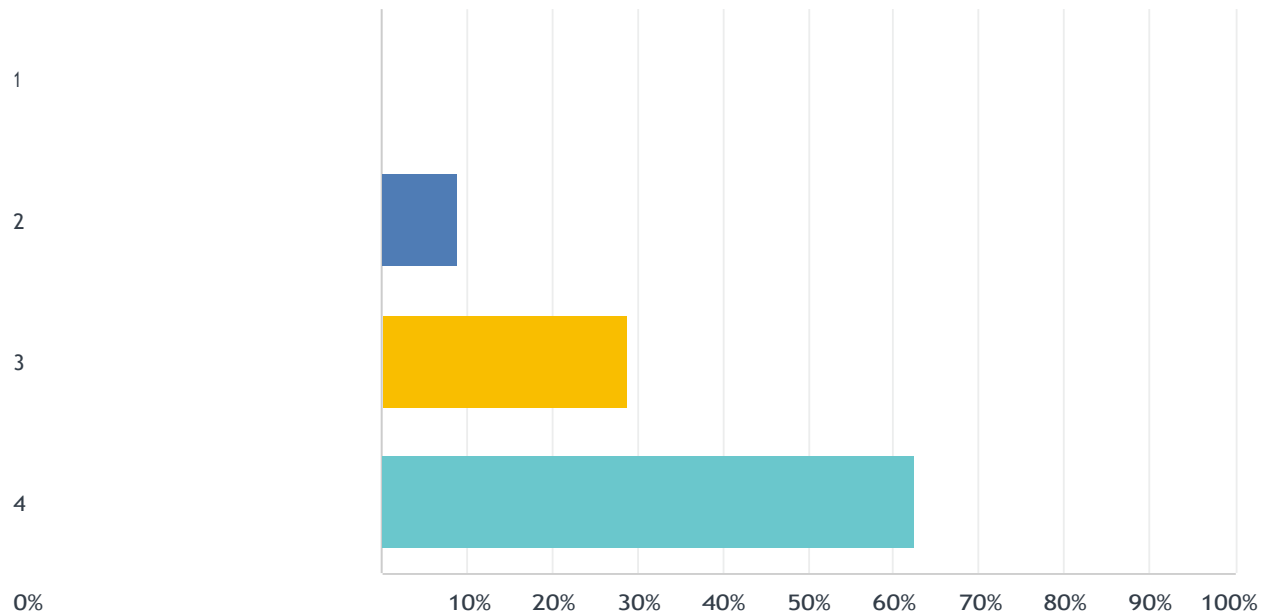


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
1		7.92%	8
2		29.70%	30
3		49.50%	50
4		12.87%	13
TOTAL			101

Q2 Did you find the event provided a useful networking opportunity? (1 -not useful. 4 - very useful.)

Answered: 101

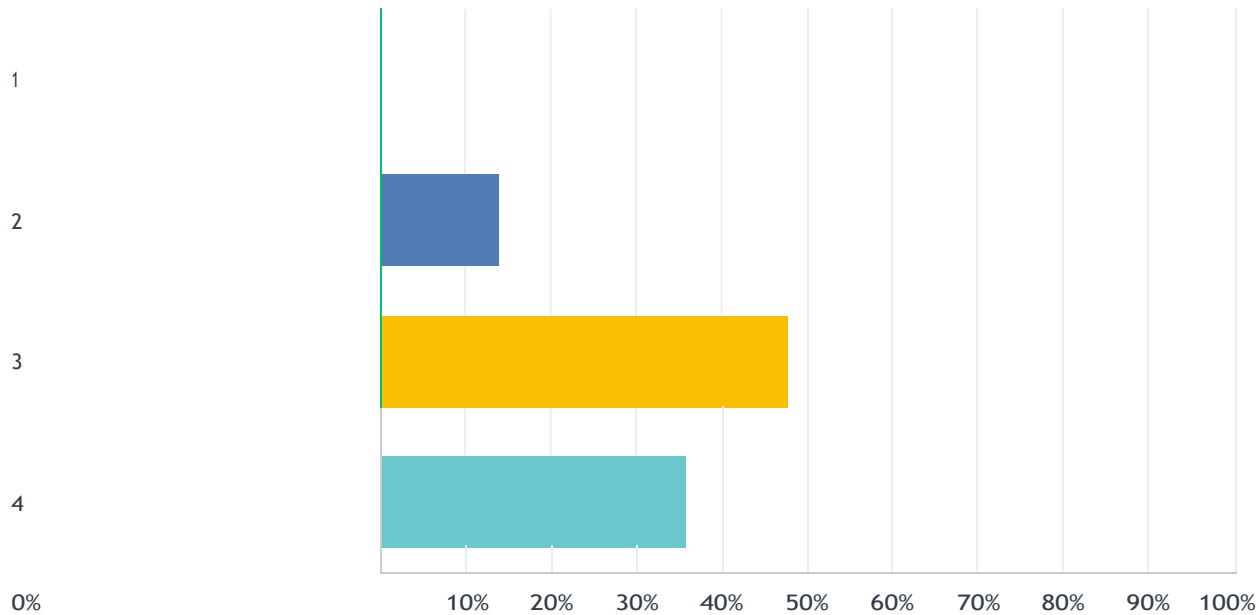
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	0.00%	0
2	8.91%	9
3	28.71%	29
4	62.38%	63
TOTAL		101

Q3 How useful was the event for sharing information and knowledge about key challenges and opportunities in East Suffolk? (1 - not useful. 4 - very useful.)

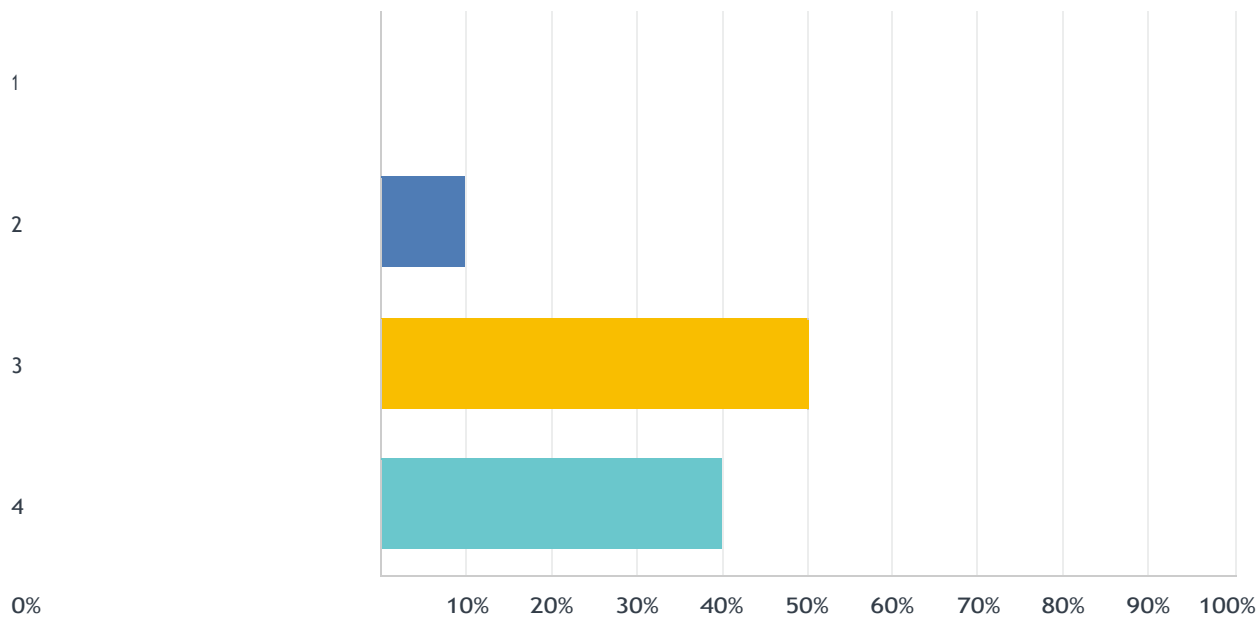
Answered: 100 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	2.00%	2
2	14.00%	14
3	48.00%	48
4	36.00%	36
TOTAL		100

Q4 How useful was the event to you overall? (1 - not useful. 4 - veryuseful.)

Answered: 101 Skipped: 0

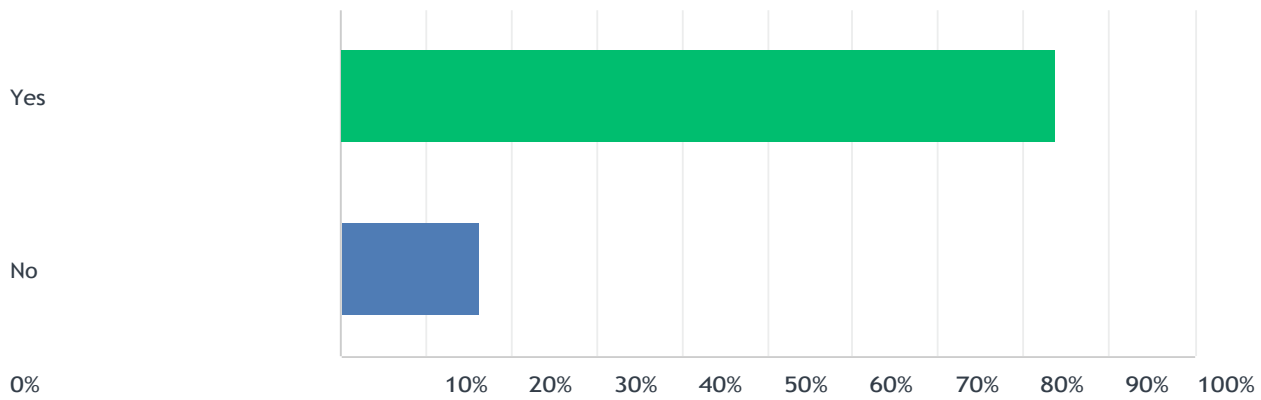


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	0.00%	0
2	9.90%	10
3	50.50%	51
4	39.60%	40
TOTAL		101

Q5 Would you like us to contact you about future Community Partnership events in East Suffolk?

Answered: 99

Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.84%	83
No	16.16%	16
TOTAL		99