

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM	
WARD Bournville.....	INNOVATION TITLE ... Friends step up in Bournville Park
Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below. (Tick all those that apply)	
<u>City Core Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In X • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in • Housing a great City to live in • Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life X 	<u>LIF Priorities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being X • New approaches to investment • Active citizens & communities stepping up X • Clean streets • Improving local centres
What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Friends of Bournville Park (FOBP) was set up by residents in October 2016. We're local volunteers committed to protecting and improving our beautiful neighbourhood park in partnership with BCC's Parks/Ranger Service and organisations such as BOSF, Trees for Life, Buglife, Active Parks, Model Boat Club, BVT etc.</p> <p>Our aim is to supplement the routine maintenance and planting delivered by the council and to provide a range of community activities in the park for children, families and local people of all ages. We've been mentored by Emma Woolf of Friends of Cotteridge Park (FOCP) and are modelling our activities on best practice developed over 20 years by FOCP. We are already collaborating with Bournville J&I Schools, Busy Parents Network/Bournville Hub as well.</p> <p>Bournville Park has just lost its park-keeper. FOBP now has an important role to play in ensuring that the Park is maintained to its customary high standard and continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for local people. We aim to develop a sustainable network of active volunteers able to lead planting and maintenance sessions independently and equipped to recruit new volunteers. This is the first time that local people have got involved in the running of Bournville Park.</p> </div>	

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

X

How will the innovation be implemented?

We're seeking support from LIF to develop our volunteer network and extend the frequency and range of community activities on offer in the park, by:

- Refurbishing the old bowling club hut to provide a secure base (with toilet/ handwashing facilities) for volunteer and Active Park sessions, as well as Bournville Junior School outdoor classes. The voluntary group 'Moseley Men In Sheds' have the expertise and would provide the labour free. We have had preliminary discussions with the Model Boat Club and also the Park/Ranger Service re security measures to protect the hut but detailed plans have not yet been drawn up. We have been told that the cost of demolishing the hut instead of refurbishing would be in the order of £16000. It is not planned to store valuable equipment in the hut overnight.
- Training volunteers to allow us to lead sessions in the absence of BCC rangers. We will be using training opportunities offered by BOSF, Active Parks, Stirchley Baths etc. Most of these are free but we need a small budget to allow for buying in training where appropriate.
- Promotion of FOBP activities and publicity for park events. This has been one of our greatest problems so far. Although social media is a very good way of reaching some residents, (especially with the help of partner organisations like Busy Parents Network/Bournville J & I Schools), we need traditional posters/fliers notice boards etc to draw in others who are less media savvy. We are now in touch with other local groups looking at sustainable methods of sharing 'What's On' information but we need to buy some professional advice on our web site and other communication methods.
- Extending the scope of our activities delivered in partnership with local schools following our very successful day with 100 Year 3 children from Bournville Junior School.
- Developing our informal partnership with the Model Boat Club and other Friends groups serving open spaces in/near the ward so as to avoid clashes and duplication of effort.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve?**What will success look like and how will its impact be measured?**

- Bournville Park is maintained to its customary high standard and continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for local people.
- Increased response to our Facebook page
- Good quality noticeboards at two or more points in the park
- Events and activities through 2017 are well attended and successful
- Our first AGM due next October is well attended and new people bring forward ideas for our 2018 programme

How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

- We develop a sustainable network of active volunteers.
- More 'friends' will be trained in health and safety and use of social media etc
- Local teachers will be able to use the KS2 Science material developed and successfully tested by one of our founder members

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

No. We are a new group.

One of our members has just attended a 'Get Grants' course provided by BOSF. We are now in a much better position to apply for grants but we would want to consult local people particularly near neighbours as well as the Parks Dept before making any decisions re the future development of the park. LIF seems an appropriate source of funding in this our first year.

What resources will be required?

- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

£

2500	refurbishment of hut and provision of noticeboards, banner
500	training, some office equipment/supplies for creating posters, fliers,
6	active volunteers as of now, target 10 by Mar 2018

Amount required from LIF £.....3000.....

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? No

Contact person for proposal

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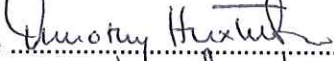
Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

- Pre launch feasibility discussion with Emma Woolf from Friends of Cotteridge Park
- Launch meeting Oct 2016 (included informal discussion and agreement with Model Boat Club representatives)
- Discussions with Sue Amey (Parks Dept) and Dean Paul(Ranger Service) re wild flower planting and refurbishment of hut
- Discussions with Busy Parents Network re collaboration
- Discussions with Bville Junior School re preparation of KS2 Science activities
- Well attended volunteer sessions and associated response via Facebook page:
 - a. wild flower planting and litter pick March 5
 - b. Bioblitz and Family Fun
- Raised at ward meeting in Feb 2017 as potential bid. Councillors Huxtable, Locke and Sealey attended.

Discussed at

Ward meeting Bournville

Date 11th May 2017

Signatures of all 3 Ward CouncillorsName TIMOTHY HUXTABLE Signature  Date 13th June 2017Name MARY LOCKE Signature  Date 13/6/17Name Robert Sealey Signature  Date 13/6/17**Internal use only**

Received: Date

Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	