Greenspace Groups Conference 16th May 2016 **Summary of Visioning Session**

	Group	Friends of Morecambe Cemetery	Friends of Storey Gardens	Friends of Greaves Park	Friends of Ridge Community Orchard	Community Coppice Group	Transition City Lancaster	Claver Hill	Salford University	Landscape & Garden Design
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Skill type	**Skill**									
Practical	**Gardening/Horticultural skills**	y			y	y		y		y
	Plant knowledge			y	y	y				y
	Tree-related skills				y fruit trees	y				y
	Wildlife/ecology knowledge				y				y	y
Events	**Organising and running events**	y							y	y
Design	**Understanding play areas**			y						
	Community garden design			y					y	y
Communication	**Working with artists**		y							
	Working with city council									y
	Working with older people									
	Working with other organisations			y			y	y	y	
	Publicity			y	y					
	Training/facilitating/educating others					y	y	y		y
	Recruiting and retaining volunteers							y		
	Public consultations/community engagement									y
Organisational	**Planning**	y					y			
	Leadership				y					
	Writing work programmes	y			y		y	y		
	Developing the organisation									
	Spreadsheets	y								
	IT general	y								
	Researching						y		y	
Financial	**Obtaining grants**	y	y					y		
	Liaising with private donors		y							
	Accounting	y								
	Goals									
	Recruit more volunteers	y	y	y						
	More involvement with children/ schools				y			y		
	More involvement with local community							Provide training		
	More involvement with other organisations		y			y		y	y	
	Find funding		y							
	Improve area for wildlife		y	y						
	Implement wildlife monitoring				y			y		
	Develop/deliver vision/action plan			y						
	Develop organisation							become charity		
	Improve website						y			
	Site specific goals:		renew fruit garden statuary and Tasting Garden			get coppice group up and running	affordable woodland centre close to Lancaster;	to have a straw bale building; ; chickens and little farmers; bees	research partnerships with green space organisations in Lancaster University	
	Wider goals				green corridor with natural trail across the city from north to south		community work on death & dying; understanding environmental issues on death & dying;	to be a community facility for other groups to use; to be part of green corridor from south Lancaster to north		Enable community development, change delivery and management of environment in the district;
	Successes									
	Fundraising	Several small grants	Yes					Yes, several		
	Financial and organisational		Finding financial assistance				Improving working practices	Staring a successful project from scratch		
	Running events	Ran three heritage festivals								Running community consultations
	Working with landowner		Getting council help	Getting paths improved	Getting protected status					Working with several local authorities
	Partnership working					Training people from other groups			Project partnership with Salford Uni	Teaching horticultural skills
	Practical			Creating play park and community garden		Planting lots of trees, getting woodlands under management	Delivering action plans, renovating buildings	Growing food using no-dig methods		Re-designing parks
	Other									

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		Starting the project 'Getting Hands Dirty'; dealing with contaminated land		Getting the Skerton community involved in caring for Ryelands Park and raising litter awareness through schools projects	better use of the castle to respect heritage and bring visitors; a cable car for Lancaster University	continued expansion of the raised beds and new planting	more time to get things done!	Making a difference to my local community		A circular riverside walk (not using Ladies' Walk) with information boards as a community resource	Green designation; to develop community vision to enhance the space for the future; continue with light touch stewarding
			Quality of life for care home residents that goes beyond meeting basic through being outdoors; including residents in decisions being made about their environments	greater equality in the distribution of council provision and funding of green and play spaces;	Great public participation in their environment; broadening perspectives on this; encourage more public-spirited engagement rather than just in one's own interests and local spaces;				Transformation, resources, management,		
						Yes					
	Improved organisation of planting and maintenance						Organising people and situations,	Problem solving	Planning		Galvanising community for action; successful public and legal action attaining
Leading group activities							Communicating and making presentations			Running working parties	
		Prevented space being built on		persuaded council to invest more in maintaining park		Receiving permissions from City Council			Yes		working with LCC and other agencies
			Improving quality of life for residents	got Lancaster University engineering department to design a vandal-proof nest swing	Opening heritage buildings to the public			Making good contacts	Yes	Liaising with the rowing club	
Applying practical skills: arboriculture, rural crafts	Refurbished play areas		Growing food				Gardening	Digging and horticulture	making things happen on the ground		Stewarding green space over a long period of time
											Obtaining Town Green designation