

Weaknesses continued:

- The response rate is generally low in mailed surveys.
- Professionals may be needed to design and analyse an effective Questionnaire.

Web

- The International Association for Public Participation: www.iap2.org

Training

- The Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research provides courses on 'Questionnaire design': www.ccsr.ac.uk

Case study

- Cross-plan integrated participatory planning as a tool for rural development. S. Bell and M. Komulainen (2001). University of Oulu, Finland.

The image shows two pages of a document. The left page is a public meeting advertising leaflet for Lochend Woods. It includes the title 'Lochend Woods A community woodland for Dunbar', a brief description of the woodland, and details for a public meeting on Tuesday 5th March from 7-9pm in Dunbar Parish Church Narthex. It also includes a section for a questionnaire, asking for name, phone/e-mail, and how they might help. The right page is a questionnaire titled 'QUESTIONNAIRE' with five numbered questions about the woodland's management and use. The questions are: 1. The woodland will be managed to improve the following aspects: please mark them in the order of importance to you. 2. In term of its 'character' what kind of place would you most like to have? 3. In terms of information what would you like? 4. How often would you visit the woods if they were how you wanted them? 5. If you did help how much time could you spare? The questionnaire also includes a section for 'Anything else?' and a note to 'please make a mark somewhere on the line.'

A Questionnaire combined with a public meeting advertising leaflet (Reforestation Scotland).



A Questionnaire being completed outside a local supermarket (Inverness Forest District).

This toolbox is designed to assist Forestry Commission staff when they are considering which tools they could use to involve the public in the forest and woodland planning process. For more information please visit the website at: www.forestry.gov.uk/toolbox