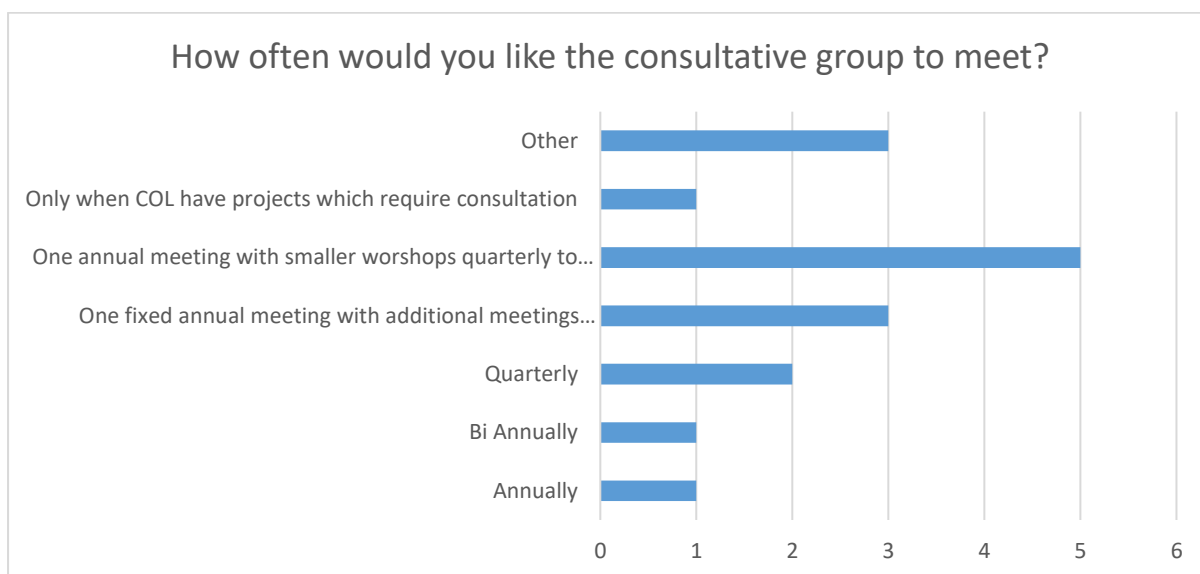


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The majority of the respondents have opted for one annual meeting with smaller quarterly workshops to discuss themes/topics where applicable.

Question 2: Please share your thoughts on the format of future meetings.

Summarised comments

- Send agenda out a few weeks in advance. (Papers to be sent 14 days in advance)
- Planning could be a long-standing item i.e. applications received CofL response any actions wanted from attendees
- Discussion items from attendees
- We've already requested a holistic discussion on how path erosion can be managed, not just something on horse riding, cycling or walking. Could that be a starting point for workshops?
- The Friends of Wanstead Parklands have concern's that one formal meeting a year around if there are issues that a workshop would not be appropriate for then the gap between meetings maybe too long.
- Meetings in person not virtual would be a preference
- Request for key reports circulated quarterly / superintendent updates and progress reports on key projects
- Significant issues should be consulted on prior to EF&C Committee

Question 3: Additional Comments

Summarised comments

- The survey asking about people's priorities for projects in the forest was very effective and gave members a chance to submit their views at an earlier stage rather than being presented with essentially a 'done deal'.
- Consultative group committee members would benefit meeting the management team on a more informal and regular basis, to provide feedback, raise issues and how to work together in resolving them.
- Each member group could circulate a brief paper on their priorities for the Forest so we can see where we overlap or not. This would aid discussion and make sure the right groups are invited to the right workshops.
- The Warren is not a good venue for consultation as there is no public transport access and the room is too small if everyone turned up. The on-line part of the meeting does not work very well due to poor connectivity.
- Members of the public used to attend, and this would be welcome.