

## Friends of Hither Green Triangle Nature Reserve

### So far

The establishment of the Friends of Hither Green Nature Reserve (FHGTNR) is the result of many years of campaigning by the councillor for Lee Green, Cllr Paul Bentley. Local residents were invited to form the Friends and had their first meetings this year.

### The future

The Friends are interested in maintaining and improving the nature reserve. The Friends plan to meet a few times a year to carry out litter picks and to clear invasive species to encourage biodiversity.

The Friends had their first clean up day last year (2008). It was a great success and was run by Lewisham Council and Natures Gym who did a great job of making sure everyone made the most of this historic day!

The Friends welcome new joiners at any time who are interested in helping improve the local environment and meeting fellow local residents.

### The Area

The size of the area took all of the Friends by surprise on their first visit. It is amazing how many of us use the station daily and had no idea of the scale of the nature reserve.

The area consists of waterways, woodland, steep banks, a dried up pond and some old concrete structures.

### Ideas

- Area for local schools to come and experience the local wildlife
- Return the pond to a wildlife friendly area and encourage biodiversity

### Plants

Lewisham Council and Natures Gym identified the following species:

Ground elder, common hogweed, bramble, wild perennial rocket, buddleia, bristly oxtongue, Japanese knotweed, scarlet, common toadflax, great willow herb, black medic, woody nightshade, goose grass, jersey fleabane, persicaria, mugwort, stinging nettle, white dead nettle, white campion, tansy, Michaelmas daisy and bindweed..

### Wildlife

The area provides an ideal habitat for many bugs, birds and mammals. Fox cubs were a common sight during the clean up day. The large woody area provides excellent cover for many birds.

### Contact Details

For details of meeting dates and to be added to the mailing list please email [dawnu@btinternet.com](mailto:dawnu@btinternet.com)