

Fallowfield U Decide Evaluation 2010-11

In October 2010, Fallowfield carried out a U Decide event. The purpose of the event was to increase:

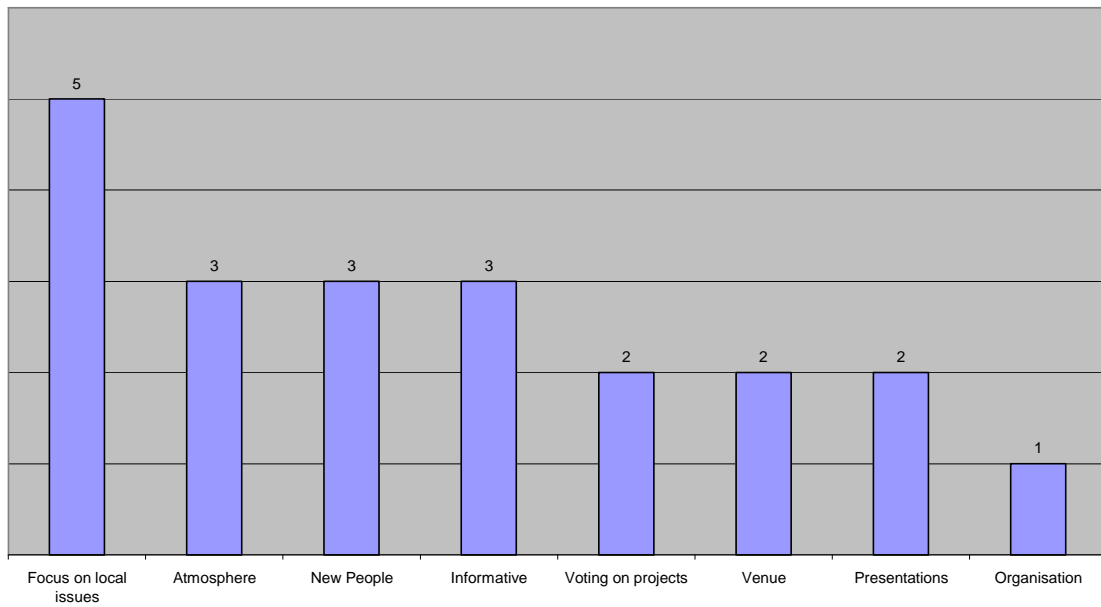
- the number of people who feel that they can influence decisions in the local area
- overall satisfaction with local area
- resident empowerment and local democracy
- enable people to identify improvements to the area and support in delivering those improvements
- identify and engage with different residents and groups and evaluate whether PB can be used to engage a broader spread of people - not just the “usual suspects”.
- Improving community cohesion (% of people who feel that people from different backgrounds get on well together)
- Increasing the number of volunteers within the ward

In Fallowfield, £10,000 was allocated from Fallowfield Wards Cash Grant budget to hold a Participatory Budgeting event for residents. The maximum amount accepted for each bid was £1,500. 10 projects were submitted to the value of £14,150.00. 42 people attended and 37 people voted on spending priorities. The following projects were funded:

| Project No: | Project Title: | Funding allocated |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Fallowfield Credit Union | £1,500.00 |
| 2 | Fallowfield Youth group | £1,500.00 |
| 3 | OASIS | £1,500.00 |
| 4 | Fallowfield Tenants & Residents Association | £1,500.00 |
| 5 | Fallowfield Brow Neighbourhood Community House | £1,500.00 |
| 6 | Friends of Platt Fields Park | £1,500.00 |
| 7 | Kingsbrook Residents Group | £650.00 |

Participants were asked to complete a feedback form from the event. 17 people completed evaluation forms (40%)

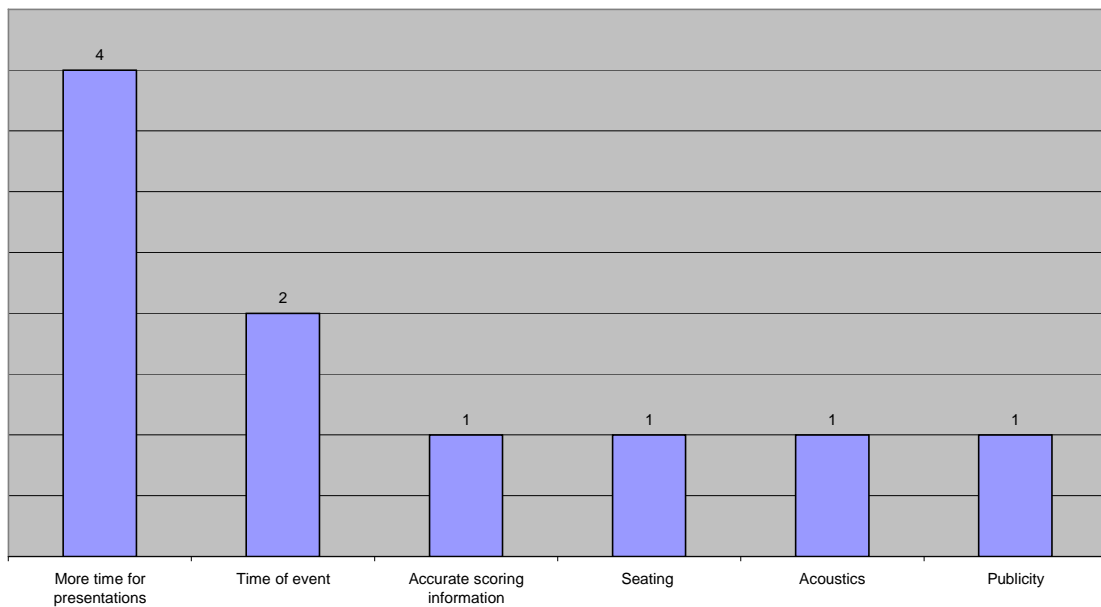
What did you like about the event?



People said that they enjoyed the following:

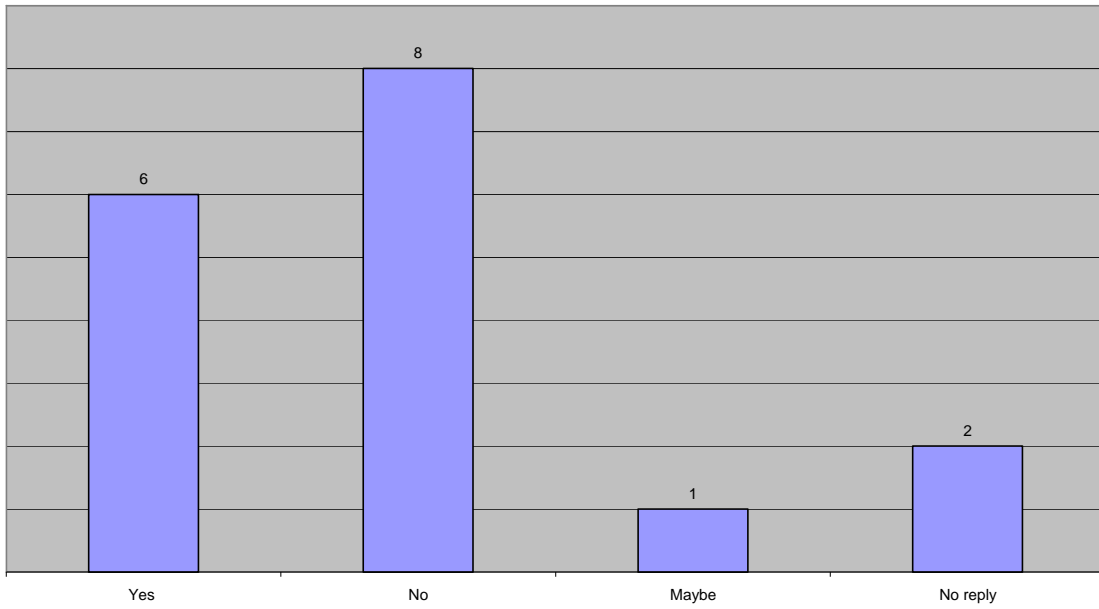
- Meeting new people, refreshments, atmosphere
- Showed what goes on in Fallowfield
- Local, voting, variety of projects

What could have been improved?



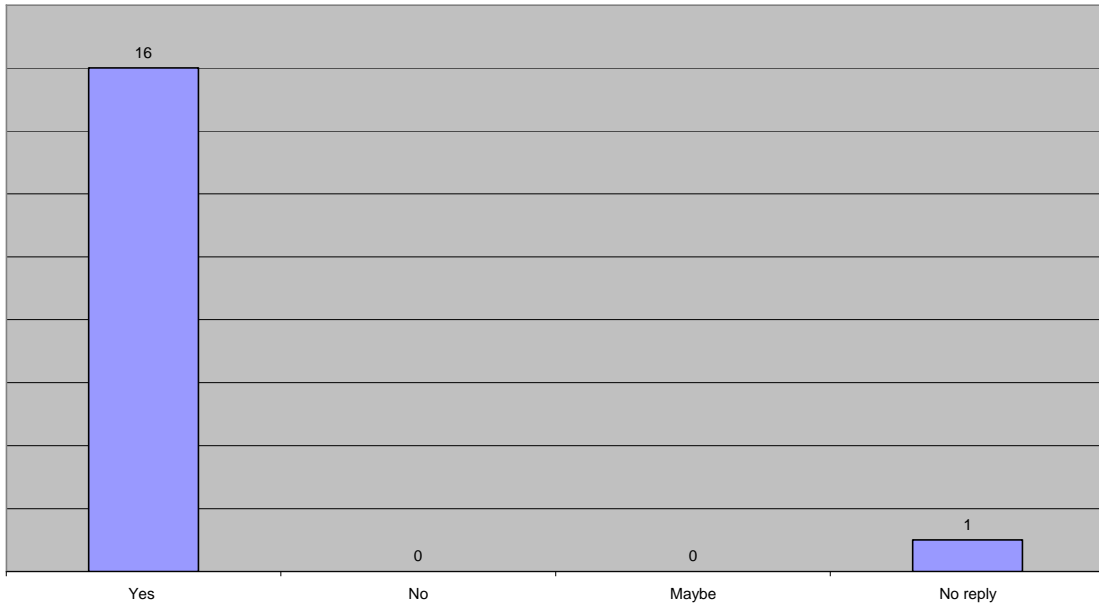
The main areas for improvement were more time for presentation, and time of the event.

Prior to the event, did you feel you could influence local decisions?



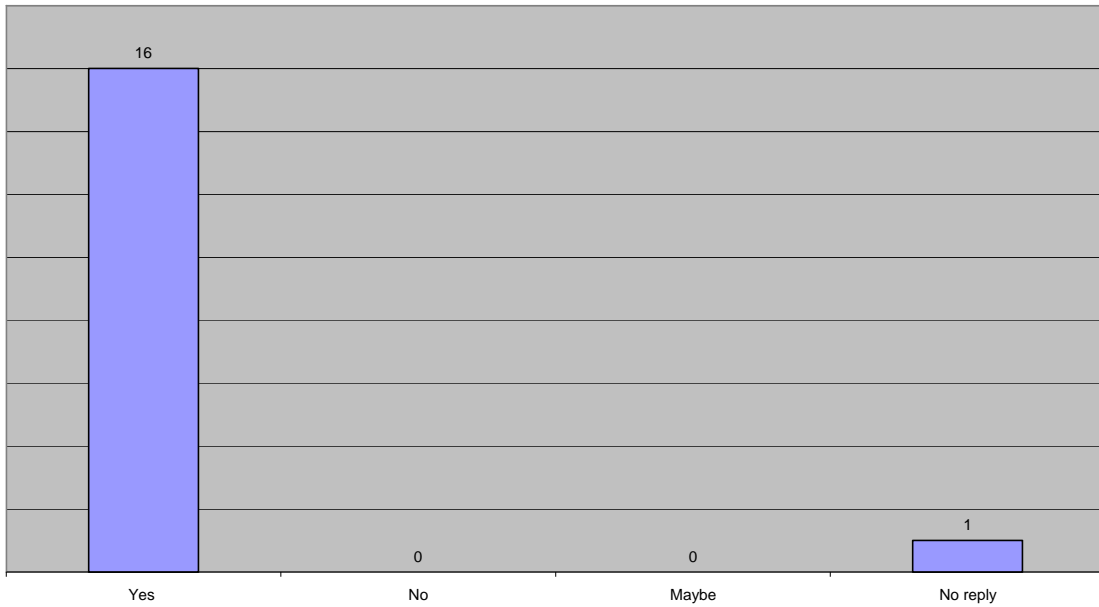
Prior to the event 35% people thought that they could influence decisions in their local area. 47% disagreed.

Do you feel you have influenced local decision making by attending this event?



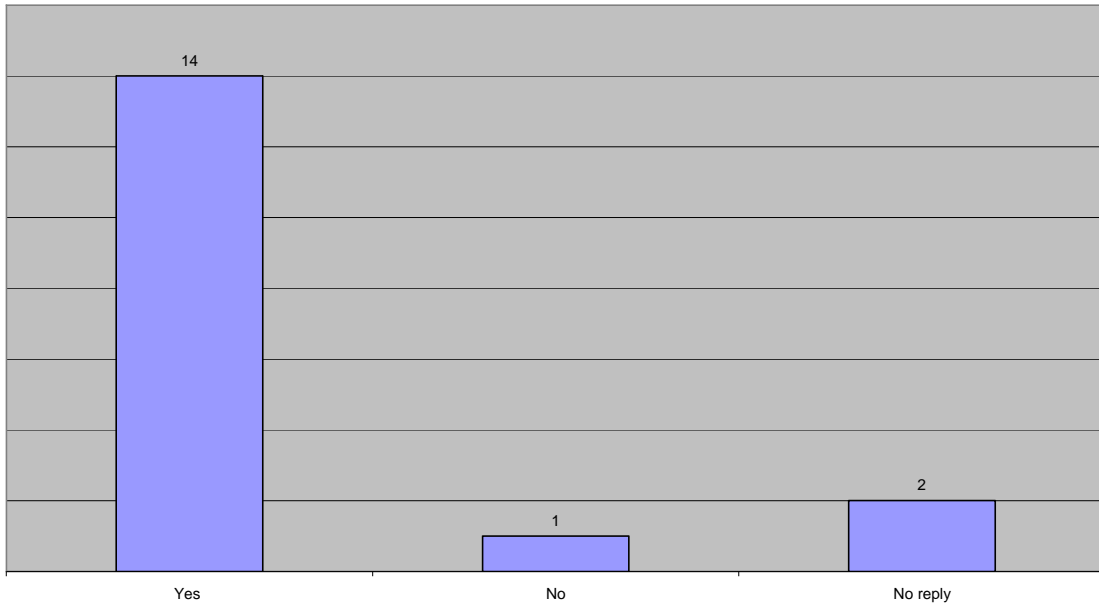
By attending the event, 94% of people felt that they had influenced decisions making in their local area. This increased to 100% if considering the number of people who responded.

Do you think the projects funded will help improve the local area?



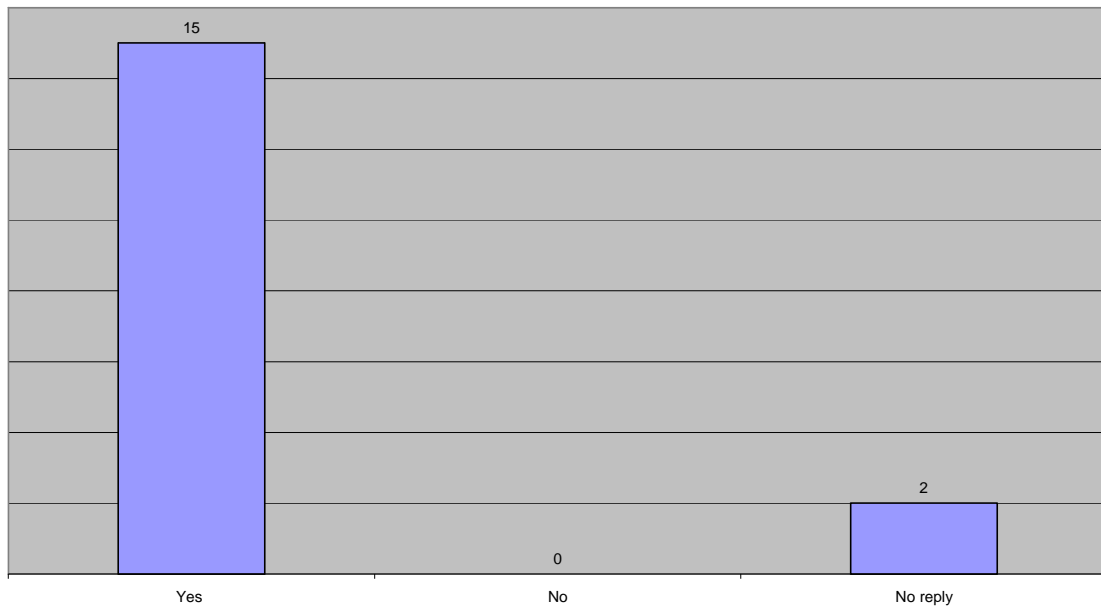
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Do you think the process was fair?



Out of the 17 respondents 82% of people said the process was fair. This increased to 93% when calculating the % of people who answered this question. Only 6% disagreed which increased to 7% when calculating the number of people who answered this question.

Would you attend a similar event in the future?



Out of the 17 respondents 88% of people said they would attend a future event. This increased to 100% when calculating the % of people who answered this question.