

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's future, and details for a public meeting on Tuesday 5th March from 7-9pm in Dunbar Parish Church Narthex. It also provides contact information and a note that the consultation is sponsored by Reforesting Scotland.

The right page is a questionnaire titled 'QUESTIONNAIRE'. It asks respondents to rank five aspects of woodland management in order of importance: Recreation/sports, Informal play, Solitude, Safety, and Wildlife. It also asks for preferences on woodland character, information, visit frequency, and time spent.

A Questionnaire combined with a public meeting advertising leaflet (Reforesting 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