

## FEED LEEDS GENERAL MEETING 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

### AGENDA

#### 1) Apologies and previous minutes

Attending :

- Tom Bliss (Chair)
- Rob Moores (Secretary)
- Sonja Woodcock (Treasurer)
- Adele Rae (KVDT)
- Sarah Priestley (LCC / Chapel Allerton in Bloom)

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted by those present.

Apologies from ...

- [andrew.cutts@buglife.org.uk](mailto:andrew.cutts@buglife.org.uk) - email returned as he has left - substituted with Catherine Jones with her agreement
- Emma Goodway (Space 2)
- Trish Cliff
- Alan Thornton (Orchard Proejct)
- Jenny Fisher (LCC City Development)
- Marie-Pierre Dupont (LCC Housing)
- Emma Strachan (Public Health)
- Ama Chaney (Grow to School)- sent update
- Isabel (Lemon Balm)
- Sue Ottley Hughes
- Nigel Jones
- Katie Greaves (Back to Front) - sent update.

#### 2) Project updates

Agreed to post these project updates on the Feed Leeds web site blog – Tom to organise.

Grow to School (from Ama Chaney):

Grow to School, who partner with primary schools to help them establish and embed their food growing and outdoor learning curriculum, are currently applying for funding to offer subsidised sessions in schools across west yorkshire. We would like to establish links with Leeds schools who have aspirations to take their pupils outdoors and offer this opportunity across the Feed Leeds partnership schools. **If you know of any schools who would benefit from this, please do get in touch.**

### LESSN:

Attending School Growers Network meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 3pm (as are Grow To School, Leeds Urban Orchard Project, and Bug Life). Next meeting will be in October so any organisations wanting to be involved with schools should contact Tom to join this network. LESSN has an objective to understand the extent of edible produce growing in schools and will pursue this through the Leeds Food Partnership (ideally via updating the survey from 2013).

### Leeds Food Assembly:

Has now been running for several weeks with the online market opening on a Thursday and collections on a Wednesday 5-7pm at Sheaf St café. **Rob to ask them if Feed Leeds can help in any way.**

### Growing Better (Rob):

Started trading; container due at WLAC before end of February

### Chapel Allerton in Bloom (Sarah):

Set up 8 months ago; local In Bloom groups can manage unused Council space, plus £500 in first year to spend at Arium. Have improved several local spaces and plans for more this year.

### Back To Front: (from Katie Greaves):

Workshops in partnership with Hyde Park Source are going well. The targeted flier through the door and social media advertising on local pages is attracting new local growers to the project. We have made great progress with our Harehills fruit tree mission. 19 fruit trees (apples, pears, cherries) will be getting planted over the next month, mainly on Sundays with a possible community even on a Saturday. I'll let you know exact dates/times when I do... **Please spread the word, volunteers welcome!** Potting Shed drinks was/is a really useful and lovely way for us too keep in touch with Feed Leeds. Back to Front is staffed by volunteers who all have day jobs so we generally can't make the daytime meetings. Chapel Allerton as a location suited us too.

## **3) Other local / relevant initiatives**

[Leeds Independent Food Festival](#) : Leeds Food Partnership discussing potential of a film showing at LIFF as a means of promoting LFP, and Feed Leeds will be contributing to this.

[Big Barn map](#) : Big Barn is a CIC promoting local food production nationwide. They have a related map that can be embedded via an API. **Tom to review and see if might be a replacement for our map.**

Leeds 2023 / LCC Culture Strategy: keen to understand how LCC can help make connections and identify opportunities for Feed Leeds initiatives to be supported. Sarah hopes to attend Feed Leeds meetings regularly.

## **4) GDPR and move to MailChimp or alternative?**

GDPR comes into force in May. Feed Leeds will be impacted. **Rob** to undertake an audit of the personal information that we hold and report back at the next Committee meeting. **Tom** is following

the same challenge with the Parks Forum and LFP, both considering Mail Chimp. He will report if their solutions look like working for FL.

5) Use of calendar prompts for meetings?

Agreed that Secretary will send a calendar reminder to the committee members in future with the draft agenda

6) **Kirkstall Island farm** (KIF) next steps - Co-managed status?

Since the AGM Leeds Beckett Uni are producing a revised layout for the KIF, based on the meeting held with members of the FAS2 team. A further meeting of the interested parties is currently being arranged, and Adele is joining the team to ensure we have local representation. Meeting not quorate, so decision on Co-Managed Status is deferred.

7) **Potting Shed** – stop, pause or go: if so where and when?

Katie Greaves: enjoys and sees value of Potting Shed drinks as can't make daytime meetings.

Suggested that:

- Advertise it on CARA – Sarah to do
- The event is held the 3rd Thursday of every month so easier to remember. with the main meeting typically following on the next Monday.
- Put it up on Facebook / Eventbrite – Rob to do

8) **AOB**

Comment from Isabel: My feedback would be that there are a lot of meetings at the moment, I'd be in a better position to commit to feed Leeds if they were bi-monthly or even quarterly. Similarly with potting shed drinks. Less frequent would be my suggestion.

Next meetings

15<sup>th</sup> March for Potting Shed – at North Bar

- 19<sup>th</sup> March for next Feed Leeds meeting at Inkwell (**Rob to confirm booking**)