

FEED LEEDS GENERAL MEETING 19TH MARCH 2018



1) Apologies and previous minutes

Attending :

- Tom Bliss (Chair)
- Rob Moores (Secretary)
- Sonja (Treasurer)
- Pete Foulston (Vice Chair)
- Sarah Priestley (Committee)

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

Apologies from ...

- Ama Chaney - Grow to School
- Trish Cliff - Trish Travel Food
- Marie-Pierre Dupont - REAP and LCC Housing
- Sue Ottley-Hughes - Stank Hall Barn
- Mark Warner - Plate 2 Plate Compost and Leeds Beckett
- Katie Greaves - Back to Front
- Alan Thornton - Orchard Project.

2) Project updates

Back to Front (from Katie Greaves).

It's been about fruit trees. 19 fruit trees, a mix of apples, pears and cherries, were planted in Harehills as part of an action day/spring clean which included a litter pick. We have also had 100 woodland trust saplings donated by Space2 which are being looked after by growers to be planted in Harehills in the future. [\(See Appendix B for species\)](#)

Grow to School (from Ama Chaney)

Grow to School, who partner with primary schools to help them establish and embed food growing and outdoor learning in the school 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.

Additionally, we are excited to be launching our Growbag starter kit - a simplified version of our Growbag resources for schools with starting out on their food growing journey with fewer varieties of plants to grow meaning less maintenance for busy schools and those with little experience of growing. This package of resources comprises all plants & seeds for Autumn & Spring planting, a comprehensive set of resources including; a detailed growing diary, seasonal bed plans, growing cards for each plant included, a curriculum links booklet and step by step instruction sheets for all activities and processes required. These resources are supported by our experienced Grow practitioners through gardening session delivered in each school, plus staff CPD session to teach how to use the resource and how to use the garden to support nurture groups and SEND children.

LESSN (from Tom Bliss)

School Growers network event at the end of February was well attended. 8 schools had a presence plus presentations from Grow To School, the Orchard Project and Urban Buzz. It has been decided to increase frequency from 2 to 4 per year and arrange a better time and venue. LESSN also has work to do for the proposed SFC Bronze Award. **Tom and Sonja to action.**

Next LESSN event is May 22nd

Chapel Allerton In Bloom (from Sarah Priestley)

Event this Sunday 25th March at 3pm to set up a community vegetable garden in Chapel A park, comprising three raised beds and some fruit trees. **(See Facebook page for more)**

Growing Better CIC (from Rob Moores)

Healthy Living Grant successful – children’s activities during Easter and Summer holidays, including ensuring that the children have a meal during the day

Container is now on site.

We will have a presence at Buy Yorkshire 2018

3) Growing Event at Kirkgate Market

Sonja has been in conversation with Lee at Kirkgate Markets, who are keen for us to have a presence at the Thursday late night market during LIFF: 24th May. We aim to run workshops on the previous Saturday 19th May, when we can replant the pop-up allotment. **Tom to liaise with Arup (who designed the allotment last year) to see if they want to be involved again in some way.**

4) Growers Fair at WLAC

Rob talked thru the proposal – see Appendix

5) KIF Update

The group is currently seeking advice from similar successful projects and experts elsewhere to help frame the business case and approach, before we go back to the Council.

6) Committee changes

Paul Long has now stood down from the Committee - many thanks Paul. Sarah Priestley has duly been elected, representing Leeds 2023 and Chapel Allerton in Bloom.

7) Use of Mail Chimp to assist with GDPR compliance

Tom has been testing Mail Chimp with which we plan to manage mail-outs soon. Rob is attending a GDPR small business briefing shortly, hence planned activity is postponed. The meeting agreed that we should trial a two-tier system, with frequent attendees being added to an Active list which will be used for the 'trigger' email (a reminder about meetings and request for agenda items/updates one week before meetings) and other relevant mail-outs, with the remainder of the list receiving only monthly minutes plus any major messages.

8) Proposed Constitution changes, tabled for the April General Meeting.

The changes to the Constitution have been submitted to all Committee members, and the new document will be adopted at the April General Meeting.

9) April meetings

The new constitution requires us to hold at least one meeting per quarter to make it possible for people with day jobs to attend. So the next General Meeting will take place at the usual Potting Shed Drinks time and place: April 19th at Further North on Harrogate Rd at 8pm. Rob to reserve the upstairs room and check that we can have the music turned off.

10) AOB

Composting Initiative

For Leeds to achieve the SFC Bronze Award, we need to show that 'Home and community food composting is being promoted through awareness and education campaigns and through the provision of composting tools, demonstrations, materials and sites for communities to use.' This could be achieved by revising the "Leeds Rotters" project. **Tom to explore with Plate 2 Plate Compost, Lemon Balm, Back to Front and others.**

Feed Leeds map

Also for the Bronze Award, we need to promote the locations of fruit trees and orchards in the city. **Tom to liaise with The Orchard Project and Leeds Urban Harvest.**

LFP Update

The first Partners meeting is on 18th April to increase support for the Action Plan. (This is a closed meeting). The next open meeting will take place during LIFF in late May details tba. **Sonja to advise.**

Zero Carbon Food Group

Tom, Andy Goldring, Niels Corfield and John Preston are contributing to a Food Group set up by Zero Carbon Yorkshire. **Tom to report on developments.**

Internship

We have had a request from a French post graduate to undertake a three month summer internship in Leeds around sustainable food growing. Hyde Park Source have offered to host her, and discussions are now ongoing on the details. We will help her to connect with local growing organisations in order to fill her time productively if she does come..

Swillington Primary School

Following a request at the LESSN event we have managed to supply the school with a compost bin.

WordPress Blog

This is the Blog and Resources back-engine of the FL, LESSN and Edible Campus website, which saves on upload costs and allows members of the committee to upload directly instead of via Tom. This is now advert-free thanks to a kind donation from an anonymous member of the committee ;-)

Appendix A: FEED LEEDS GROWERS FAIR 2018

This document is intended to stimulate discussion on running a Growers Fair in 2018

Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well connected network of growers and growing organisations that can support each other
Why ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help fulfil Feed Leeds goal of connecting growers with organisations that grow • To make it easier for people who may be interested in growing to meet organisations who can help them / they can work with • Raise awareness in public and trade of local urban farmers • Encourage new urban farmers • Potentially – more ambitious • Link local urban farmers with the local independent food sector (potential) • Raise awareness with local decision-makers of strength of urban farming and Feed Leeds role, in the longer term to influence local policy and decision making around land use
What ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Growers Fair with: • Stalls for growing organisations • Demos, talks and activities • Food ! • A well-know speaker to attract people ?
When ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early enough in 2018 that new starters can start growing ? • Could be combined with a proposed Armley Food & Drink Festival in late summer – but possibly confused messages and too late in the year ?
Who ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an opportunity for Feed Leeds to raise its profile and demonstrate leadership at a practical level.
How ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • If we were to seek funding then Feed Leeds may struggle as it is not constituted. It could either become so or partner with an organisation that is
Where ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Leeds Activity Centre • Kirkgate market – Sonja to mention to Lee at market

Appendix B: **Back To Front Tree varieties from planting day March 2018:**

Edgware Greens	<p>Large green:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3x (Prunus) Cherry Stella Half Standard (Avium F-12/1) • 2x (Malus) Apple Newton Wonder Half Standard (M25) • 1x (Pyrus) Pear Conference Half Standard (seedling pear) <p>Small green:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x (Malus) Apple Egremont Russet Half standard (M25) • 1x (Pyrus) Pear Conference Half Standard (seedling pear) 	Planted on 10 th March 2018
Bankside Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x (Malus) Apple Superb Half Standard (M25) • 1x (Pyrus) Pear Concorde Half Standard (seedling pear) 	Planted 11 th March 2018
Banstead triangle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x (Malus) Apple Katy Half Standard (M25) • 1x (Pyrus) Pear Concorde Half Standard (seedling pear) 	Planted 10 th March 2018
Darfield Road and Florence Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x (Prunus) Cherry Morello Half Standard (Avium F-12/1) • 2x (Prunus) Cherry Sunburst Half Standard (Avium F-12/1) 	Planted 10 th March 2018 (Florence Street Cherry Planted 11 th March 2018)

Woodland Trust saplings x100 for future planting in Harehills. Plan is either to let them grow into trees or to plant as a hedge. They are a mix of crab apple, dog rose, blackthorn, rowan, elder and hazel.