



Feed Leeds Minutes June 21st - Evening Meeting

Further North, 7.30 pm

Attendees:

Becky Mears (Season Well), Ama Chaney (Grow to School), Joe Foster (Hollin Lane Allotments), Katie Greaves (Back to Front), Ben Greaves (Back to Front), Cllr John Illingworth, Rosie Atkins (LESSN), David Clapham Fox (Harehills in Bloom), Maria Spelling (Chapel Allerton Allotments), Sonja Woodcock (FL Treasurer & Leeds Food Partnership) - Chair and minutes.

Apologies

Tom Bliss, Sarah-Jane Mason (RHS), Alan Thornton (Leeds Orchard Project), Emma Goodway (Space2)

Updates

NB: we did not have verbal updates during the meeting this month to provide time for the workshop. Only two were submitted in advance.

KIF:

Things are starting to take shape, though there are still some major unknowns and some high hurdles to overcome. We hear rumours that funds may now have been found for the two river crossings (this is a MAJOR breakthrough, if true), and that pre-application contact has been made by FAS2 to Planning. We are not 100% sure what is being suggested for 'our' area, but there are a couple of minor elements that we feel could impact on our scheme, so we've made some suggestions/requests to FAS2, and Tom is doing his best to get these heard by the right people. On the positive side, thanks to Ama, we have finally made contact with a very experienced CSA-style farm grower, who is keen to join the KIF team. This solves our first major challenge - developing the business case sufficient to estimate the optimal ratio between commercial sustainability against grant funding, and also the ratio of land reserved for market produce against education / research / community / sub-let / public / wildlife activities etc (there will be some overlap, naturally). A clear plan forward is now emerging, negotiations with LCC are in train, and when Tom returns from holiday and we have finalised our plans we will open negotiations with the incumbent stakeholders, as we have a sufficiently clear picture to be able to match these with other groups' plans and ambitions for the same area with confidence.

Grant Applications:

Sonja, Tom and Ama met to discuss an application to Greggs, which Sonja has since submitted and we will know the outcome in August. Ama is starting to consider an application to Esmé Fairburn and will be pulling together a team to work on this or other bids. If you are interested in being involved please do get in contact. The idea to apply for funding is to fund both (part of) the farm and also our plans to recruit some 'outreach growers' for LESSN and other FL activities by basing the outreach team at the farm.

Workshop

Sonja would like to thank everyone who participated in the workshop for their invaluable insight around the Leeds Food Action Plan which is being developed by the Leeds Food Partnership, of which Feed Leeds is an integral partner. The Action Plan forms part of the LFP's progress towards a submission for a Bronze SFC Award. She will be preparing a response to the consultation that will be available via the LFP website and will also be circulated with the minutes from the July FL meeting.

July Meetings

Potting Shed 19th July - 8pm - Further North. (No booking needed)

Main meeting 23rd July - 9.30 am - Inkwell Ceramics Room. (Tom has booked).