



## **Feed Leeds Minutes: November 18th 2019 – Nunroyd Road.**

*Present:* **Tom Bliss** (Chair), **Becky Mears** (IE Airborough / Season Well - minutes) **Paul Magnall** (Rainbow Junction / Leeds Rotters), **Camille Thomas** Space 2

*Apologies:* **Sonja Woodcock** (Leeds Food Partnership etc), **Martin Hemingway**, Green Party (former Cllr), **Rosie Atkins** (Leeds Rotters, LESSN and Kirkstall Valley Farm), **Joe Foster** (Leeds Allotments Federation), **Paul Ackroyd** (formerly The Arium, MVUF), **Sarah-Jane Mason** (RHS), **Sarah Priestley** (Leeds 2023), **Ama Chaney**, (Grow to School).

### **Changes to the Committee**

Rob Moores and Peter Foulston have stepped down from the committee. Many thanks for their contributions.

We now have a vacancy for Feed Leeds secretary. Tom Bliss is happy to stand as the secretary, if no one else wants to, once he has stood down as the chair at the AGM in January.

Paul Magnall and Camille Thomas both expressed an interest in becoming part of the committee. As today's meeting wasn't quorate they were voted on by email and are now members so welcome Paul and Camille

ACTION Tom to update the Feed Leeds Dropbox with new committee members (Done)

**Leeds Rotters** NB: Dedicated website is [leedsrotters.org.uk](http://leedsrotters.org.uk)

Wheelie bin compost workshop on 1st November went well. 2 new bins given away to Meanwood Valley Nursery and Incredible Edible Aireborough where they are both being used as community compost bins. Photos of the event on the website.

Another workshop will be arranged in the new year. This will be filmed and put up on the website as a demonstration video.

Leeds Rotters would welcome more contributions for their website. If you have any please get in touch with Paul.

**Space 2** <https://www.space2.org.uk/>

Fork to Fork funding from the Big Lottery ends in March 2020. New funding opportunities being explored

Over the past 3 years, the project has worked with 3 community gardens and 3 educational settings. The community gardens have been St. Luke's Swarcliffe, Ark, Harehills and Church of Epiphany, Gipton. We have worked in partnership with Oakwood Primary Academy and Swarcliffe Primary school and the PEP group at ARK. All projects have worked tirelessly to create creative and engaging garden spaces for people to grow, learn and explore.

Space2 Better Together project is also running some gardening groups. Gipton Growers at the Fire Station is doing well with a number of enthusiastic volunteers recruited.

**They would like a polytunnel or cold frames for this group. Does anyone know of any available?**

They are also looking for places in Leeds North East to run more gardening groups ( LS 7,8,9,14 &16)

***If anyone has any suggestions or can help with the polytunnel please get in touch with Camille***

**SeasonWell** [seasonwell.co.uk](http://seasonwell.co.uk)

Have successfully completed their first growing season ( Feb-Sept) with Bramhope Primary who will be continuing to use their services. Alternating a full programme one year- where SW work with every class giving them 4 sessions of growing and cooking- with a maintenance programme the following year where the school carries out some activities on their own.

Continue to work with AVSED older people's charity providing seasonal cooking classes. Have teamed up the charity with the Friends of Nunroyd Park and Incredible Edible Aireborough to use the community veg beds and orchard in the park.

After Becky attending the Wheely Bin composting workshop alongside Meanwood Valley Nursery, she is going to do some work with them helping to establish a fruit and veg garden at the nursery and cooking sessions with the produce.

### **Community Climate Action Fund**

A new local partnership to drive change in climate action has been formed. Many Feed Leeds groups are involved along with other sustainably focused groups in Leeds. It taps into the Leeds Climate Commission. It is currently being coordinated by Voluntary Action Leeds and will be putting in a bid to the Big Lottery to apply for funding.

### **Food Growing Conference: SPROUTS!**

Originally, we said we'd do a conference in January to get people inspired for the coming growing season. Agreed today not enough time to organize this.

Instead, let's organize one to link in with start of the growing season in March /April. We would like to use the AGM to get people excited about organising the SPROUTS conference- an event with workshops, talks and stalls . We can ask people to come to the AGM with ideas about what their organisation could do in terms of a workshop or stall.

Also decide at AGM where we should hold it. Suggestions today included VAL, All Hallows, Civic Hall or Meanwood Urban Valley Farm

### **A.O.B**

Becky reported problems finding the Feed Leeds Instagram account. there are 3 Feed Leeds accounts on Instagram (a food blog, a restaurant in Pudsey and a homeless charity) but ours seems to have disappeared.

**ACTION:** Checked with Sonja and she was struggling to keep up with Feed Leeds Instagram as well as FoodWise so closed it down.

**Could someone else please offer to look after a Feed Leeds Instagram account?**

### **AGM**

In January at Civic Hall. Date to be arranged. **ACTION Tom to book**

**Suggested that we use the AGM to plan the Food Growing Conference- SPROUTS**

**Next Meeting:**

The next GM will be on **Thursday 19th Dec, 7.30, at Potting Shed Christmas Drinks**, Further North, Chapel Allerton.

NB - we can't guarantee enough people to secure the upstairs room for ourselves, so the GM bit of the meeting will be more short and informal. The drinks bit will therefore be, for balance, more long and Christmassy.