



**Feed Leeds 2021**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 4:00pm (zoom meeting)**

**Attending:** Adam Ogilvie (FL Chair, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm), Tom Bliss (FL, SowX), Sonja Woodcock (FL Treasurer, Leeds Food Coordinator at FoodWise Leeds), Sarah-Jane Mason (FL, RHS), Rachael Fox (FL minutes), Rosie Atkins (FL, Leeds Rotters, LESSN), Paul Magnall (Rainbow Junction, Leeds Rotters), Paul Hudson (Sow a Row Xtra collection point, new to FL), Dorian Speakman (LCC), Emma Andrews (new to FL, growing in Pudsey)

**Apologies:** Dan Robinson (IE Garforth), Dorota Hajdukiewicz (Growing Better CIC), Alan and Gini (Fruitworks), Becky Mears (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), Cllr Anne Forsaith (Green Party), Lucy Williams (ZEST), James Harrison (Patchwork farm), Joe Foster (FL, Leeds Allotments Federation)

- 1. Committee business. Approval of minutes.** Update to Minutes noted and confirmed they have been re-issued to FL mailing list and amended version uploaded to website.
- 2. Current projects updates:**

**SowX** – The press release has been shared (this can be downloaded from the web page) and the campaign is attracting a diverse range of growers across city, many who have not been involved with Feed Leeds before. The map has been updated with a key with colours for the 4 categories (drop offs, xchange sites, LVL and Hedge veg). We currently have 10 Xchange sites plus a further 8 Drop-offs. Some plants and other donations are starting to come in and be re-distributed. There is now a new downloadable flier to advise who does what.

[http://www.turnstone.tv/NEW\\_FL/getgrwoingleeds.html](http://www.turnstone.tv/NEW_FL/getgrwoingleeds.html)

**ACTION ALL:** Continue to promote via social media and networks.

**Little Veg Libraries** – there are now 2 libraries 99% complete and ready to be installed at the agreed pilot sites (Garforth, Guiseley). Sonja and Tom to have a go at stencilling the design on some scrap wood and putting together words and sponsors info. To be displayed. Once the first library is branded and ready to be installed it will be dressed for PR shots! This can then be used to promote the campaign with a press release / social media.

The Chemic Tavern are still interested in hosting one and Sarah Priestley has permission to install one in Chapel Allerton Park.

Bramley Elderly Action (BEA) may also have one or more potential sites.

**ACTION** Sonja and Tom to collect, brand with logo and get some good photos  
Library hosts to consider best way to secure library at site (could wooden legs be screwed to something permanent or sunk into ground)?

### 3. Updates from FL members

**Adam, Meanwood Valley** – Adam confirmed that Meanwood Farm opened to the public on 12<sup>th</sup> April and really pleasing to see so many people visiting the site. They have also recruited for the 6 month Food Growing traineeship, commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Rosie** – Confirmed that the next LESSN virtual schools event will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> April [Growing Food and Climate Change](#)

**Sarah-Jane** – RHS [Grow Social](#) campaign planned for April 2020 will re-launch in May 2021, encouraging people to use plants to connect their community, could be growing and sharing plants, doorstep drop offs etc.

WAG booklets – [Beetles](#) theme this year, previous booklets available online, small number hard copies available if any groups would like they can contact SJ on [sarah-janemason@rhs.org.uk](mailto:sarah-janemason@rhs.org.uk)

**Paul Hudson** – shared great bottle growing garden idea, perfect for those with no outdoor space....reminded Tom of great [Back to Front growing guides](#)



**Dorian** – Confirmed [Hag Farm](#) in Burley in Wharfedale listed with Savills. It is 29.13 hectares) and for sale as a whole or in lots.

Also involved in installing a community bench and planting in Burley in Wharfedale. Would be interested in looking at the Veg library format as community library with small space to develop for growing locally too.

**Rachael** – Incredible Edible Crossgates now listed on the Incredible Edible network and active on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#)

**Lucy Williams** – **Good to Grow Day Friday 23 to Monday 26 April 2021**

Share your #GoodtoGrow2021 celebrations for a chance to win £100!

Good to Grow Day is a weekend of action for edible gardens to celebrate and prepare for the new growing season, promote their activities and encourage people to volunteer.

The Good to Grow day event is a weekend of celebration for community gardens and growing networks to kick off the growing season. Typically, new and old volunteers and community members join forces to prepare beds, build structures, sow seeds and help with all the important jobs that need to be done to start the new season. It's an opportunity to meet new people, get your hands dirty and support and enjoy valuable community spaces.

Of course, this year it will look very different due to Covid restrictions, but we are still keen for Good to Grow day to go ahead, both physically and virtually, to highlight and acknowledge all the brilliant work community spaces have been doing over the past year to support and feed the local community. We have built on resources from previous years to support gardens to host Covid-safe physical events and keep people connected through exciting virtual events.

**ACTION** We are asking growers of Leeds to share what they can and get involved.

- Link to resources and material to share across social media  
[https://www.goodtogrowuk.org/good\\_to\\_grow\\_day\\_resources/](https://www.goodtogrowuk.org/good_to_grow_day_resources/)
- Share your #GoodtoGrow2021 celebrations for a chance to win £100!  
This year, we have 3 x £100 garden centre vouchers, plus several free tickets to your chosen Capital Growth training session. All you need to do is post a picture of yourself getting involved in community food growing tagging #GoodToGrow2021 saying why you love food growing & community growing spaces!

**Les Firbank** – [firbank@firbank-ecosystems.co.uk](mailto:firbank@firbank-ecosystems.co.uk)

Offer of FREE manure in N Leeds. "I have a rather large amount (several tonnes I suspect) of horse stable waste in various degrees of decomposition which I am happy to give to your members as long as they come and collect it. It's all in a heap, and not evenly mixed, and there are a few bits of rubber from our horse arena. We are not organically certified, but I don't think there are any nasties in it. We can't do it now, because we are busy lambing, but spread the word around and see if anyone is interested.

Also for donations to FairShare a large fruit cage no longer required - something like 4m x 10m. The net is complete, but there will be missing pegs and other bits. The door is bent. Again, free to anyone who wants to collect, but it's worth quite a bit so we'd like donations to FairShare or similar in lieu of payment."

**Dorota** - "I spoke to Holly at Barca and suggested to her to subscribe to Feed Leeds as we're looking to develop some growing spaces together. Most importantly, these guys came up with recipe boxes, in which they distribute 80 of these per month across 4 Leeds locations. Today we've delivered some 35 well ready to go dwarf beans and tomatoes, and corn transplants, along with 70 microgreen grow kits to go with these boxes. Guys are doing great work and I hope they will join us soon."

#### 4. AOB

**Emma Andrews** – interested in using the Feed Leeds branded bed in Pudsey Park, it's currently empty and does not seem to be part of Pudsey in Bloom.

**ACTION** Tom and Emma to link with Parks Forum to see if there is any ownership for the bed

**Urban Action Consortium** - Sonja collating a list of potential stakeholders/groups who might be interested in looking into funding available for [FarmStarts](#)

**Lawnmower repair enquiry** from Doreen Illingworth. 6 lawnmowers needing repair – could we help? Rachael agreed to contact Leeds Repair Café, Ed Carlisle (bike repairs) and Space 2 re potential to offer an upskilling repair workshop so they can be fixed and used.

**ACTION** Rachael to investigate if this might be possible

**Urban Community Gardeners questionnaire** – can you help?

My name is Robert Ferguson and I am Design Engineering student at the University of Strathclyde and for my masters dissertation, I am looking to design a product which could help urban community gardeners.

To determine what product area I should focus on, I am looking to find the opinions of urban community gardeners to understand what problems they are facing. To do this I have created a questionnaire and would appreciate if you or anyone at your garden could take the time to answer it. The questionnaire is a google form and should not take longer than 10 minutes. The questionnaire can be found at <https://forms.gle/T9XWv41UUxmBchi89>

**Garforth school enquiry** – linked to Edible Garforth

## 5. Next meeting.

Date for next meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Proposed dates for 2021 meetings :

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November