



Feed Leeds 2022

Monday 28th March, 4:00pm (zoom meeting)

ATTENDING:

Adam Ogilvie (FL Chair, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm (MVUF)), **Sonja Woodcock** (FL Treasurer, Leeds Food Coordinator at FoodWise Leeds), **Tom Bliss** (FL Vice Chair, Leeds Beckett etc), **Sarah-Jane Mason** (FL secretary, RHS - minutes), **Rosie Atkins** (FL, Leeds Rotters, LESSN), **Rosie Hall** (LAF secretary), **Tracey Fletcher** (United Response)

APOLOGIES:

Paul Magnall (FL, Rainbow Junction, Leeds Rotters), **Ellie Salvidge** (Sustainability at LCC), **Sue Ottley-Hughes** (FL, Friends of Stank Hall Barn), **Becky Mears** (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), **Emma Andrews** (Growing Friendship/ Season Well and Foodwise), **Alan Thornton** (Fruit Works Co-op), **Cllr Ann Forsaith** (Green Party)

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The January minutes were approved and all actions reviewed to check progress is being made.

2. Feed Leeds Current projects:

Sub groups (sub-groups are made up of selected FL committee members, others from within the wider advisory group, and fully external experts).

- **Sow a Row Xtra, LVL and Hedge Veg**

The group, under Becky's leadership, have been working on the 2022 Campaign. Emma Andrews has created excellent branding and a [flyer](#), which is now available for anyone to download from the [FL website](#) where the [getgrowingleeds](#) page has been separated into two, as agreed: SowX+ and LVL+. The campaign has been shared via FL Social media, with more promotion planned. Becky has contacted the previous Xchange sites to see who might participate again this year but only heard back from two so far. Contact with the Drop Off sites, re upgrading to Xchange sites (there will be no Drop-offs this year), and with LVL hosts is ongoing. Becky has suggested another subgroup meeting to progress Xchange and LVL engagement.

Action FL members - please promote to your networks and/or take part to ensure we build on the success of last year's campaign.

ACTION Sonja to check with Emma A re: Growing Friendships funding and potential to work with this cohort again

- **Land Access**

This is a strategic group aiming to make it easier for projects to obtain access and permission to grow in or near the city on LCC or other land. This may include larger farm-scale sites in future, but is mainly in support of urban projects. The current system for LCC land includes completing a [Community Partnership Agreement](#) which can be a major barrier, (Feed Leeds created a [guide to approaching the agreement](#) some years ago, but this can only help a little). The sub-group will meet soon to discuss aims and objectives and possible addition of external members to ensure it fulfils its aims.

Actions Tom:

1. Invite Pete @HP Source to this group
2. Set up an initial meeting with those on the current team list, plus others as agreed.

- **Farm Group (Regional)**

This group, now led by Adam and the MVUF Market Garden team, is in support of larger-scale growing in and around Leeds. This includes reaching out to local farmers, market gardens etc. who may be looking for new crops, regenerative or other growing systems and routes to market, plus helping new farm-scale projects seeking to relocate to Leeds (in which case Land Access may become involved). It also involves helping to connect smaller-scale growers and build collaborative markets with innovative delivery systems.

Action Adam: Set up initial meeting with the existing team, including NFU, plus others as suggested.

- **LESSN 22nd April – Earth Day event at MVUF**

Plans are in place for a full day of events for schools, including orchards, composting, climate change, school growing, LVLs and more. The room at MVUF is booked and facilities (whiteboard and projector) confirmed for the speakers.

Action: Caroline. Are you able to bring a LVL to the event, so teachers can be inspired to create one at their school? Tom to bring the Wheelie Compost bin if requested.

- **Composting Group**

The meeting discussed the relationship, if any, between Leeds Rotters and FoodWise's newly funded Community Composting Pilot. It was agreed that while the pilot is very much in line with the original aims of Leeds Rotters, as proposed in the SFC Bronze bid and since, it will work best for it to remain a stand-alone project owned by FoodWise (as opposed to a co-managed project, as is Leeds Rotters) to which the latter can contribute and promote as requested. The Rotters web presence can continue to offer general advice and support on wider composting matters, and the relationship can be revisited if required once the pilot has

concluded. Plans for the pilot are coming together (more details to be announced soon). As the steering group includes most of the FL compost / Leeds Rotters subgroup, plus many other excellent contributors, we will probably not need to meet separately very often. Ideally updates from the pilot will be shared when possible in Feed Leeds minutes/news.

Emma and Tom to meet this week [This has now happened, resulting in a much clearer understanding of both the fit and the ways forward].

- **Orchard Group**
The subgroup submitted its Orchard paper (see last minutes) to the White Rose Forest steering group, which resulted in a request from LCC tree team for a meeting to take orchards forward in Leeds.

Adam thanked Tom for setting up sub-groups and agreed that sub-group updates should be a permanent agenda item, separate from member project updates, moving forward.

3. FL Members updates

- **Fruitworks** – Alan confirmed that Fruit Works Co-operative have moved on from planting to grafting. We've run lots of grafting workshops with gardeners, Bradford schools and pop-up community sessions with Climate Action Seacroft. Hundreds of people have learnt a new skill and made their own free apple tree.
- **Leeds Food Strategy** – Ellie confirmed the first working group meeting is taking place this week so the Food Strategy can be explored in a bit more detail
- **Rosie Hall – Leeds Allotment Federation** Learning Day is being held on 30th April at Pudsey – over 2000 allotmentees have been invited and Rosie H would really like to promote the LVL/Sow a Row Xtra/Hedge Veg to allotment groups across the city.

Action Rosie H: Download the flyer from the website

Action Tom: Speak to Becky to see if any hard copies were printed out we could share.

Rosie H suggested that Hedge Veg/LVL would work really well at some allotment sites but it is not suitable at all. Sonja commented that connecting to the Leeds Climate Action group as an alternative output could lead to produce being used in community kitchens, cook ups etc. to save food waste.

- **Just One More** – Sonja shared this Leeds Public Health campaign launching in April (hoping to be repeated annually), encouraging people in Leeds to have 'just one more' portion of fruit or veg a day. One more for a snack, one more for the garden etc. to encourage people to eat 5 a day
- **Foodwise & Food Strategy event: Being Food Wise** on Wednesday, 27 April 2022, 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Leeds City Council and Food Wise Leeds are embarking on the development of a

Food Strategy for Leeds. Come along and join us to find out more about the Leeds Food Strategy, Food Wise Leeds ambition to be a Silver Sustainable Food Place, and how to get involved in our “Just One More” campaign which calls for the public to increase their consumption of vegetables.

United response – Have worked through some internal issues and delays due to covid sickness, but are now recruiting volunteers and advertising Potty Planters more widely.

4. Climate Change Updates

- **Climate Action and FL event – 5th May**

Unfortunately due to lack of capacity this event will not be taking place, however there is still a desire to engage with the public and promote some of our initiatives more widely. We could look at an event similar to the Big Dig of previous years...A new campaign called Good to Grow day is running over the 22nd /23rd/24th April but FL staff have limited capacity that weekend.

Action Sonja: Consider Meanwood Farmers Market as potential promo event for a FL stand. Adam to share contact details for Leah who co-ordinates farmers market and Sonja to approach Climate Action Leeds (Love Meanwood or Seacroft Climate Action Hub) to check if they have any events we could tie into.

5. AOB

No items raised

6. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th April 4pm zoom meeting