



Feed Leeds 2022

Monday 25th April, 4:00pm (zoom meeting)

ATTENDING:

Adam Ogilvie (FL Chair, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm (MVUF)), **Sonja Woodcock** (FL Treasurer, Leeds Food Coordinator at FoodWise Leeds), **Sarah-Jane Mason** (FL secretary, RHS - minutes), **Rosie Atkins** (FL, Leeds Rotters, LESSN), **Rachael Fox** (FL Secretary), **Penny Pinn** (Horsforth Community Café & composting etc), **Rosie Hall** (LAF secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Paul Magnall (FL, Rainbow Junction, Leeds Rotters), **Dan Robinson** (IE Garforth), **Ellie Salvidge** (Sustainability at LCC), **Sue Ottley-Hughes** (FL, Friends of Stank Hall Barn), **Becky Mears** (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), **Emma Andrews** (Foodwise), **Alan Thornton** (Fruit Works Co-op), **Cllr Ann Forsaith** (Green Party), **Martin Hemingway** (Leeds Green Party etc), **Tom Bliss** (Leeds Beckett etc),

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The March minutes were approved and all ACTIONS reviewed to check progress is being made.

- LESSN schools event has been rearranged to a half-day event on 17th May
- Meanwood Valley Urban Farm has been agreed as a location for an Xchange site / Little Veg Library in 2022

Additions to AOB - FeedLeeds meetings refresh (in-person and timings)

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 – Becky**

Successful sub group meeting discussed opportunities to promote Sow X and LVL.

1. Agreed Emmas flyer and social media promotion was great and we should do more of this to help spread the word! Especially around key dates such as National Gardening Week would Also discussed
2. Also need to simplify to make it more clear to the public where they can drop off/collect seedlings.

Penny mentioned that Horsforth has 2 events coming up that SowX could contribute to:

- Launch of Climate ACTION Horsforth 15th May. FL banner etc to be located and passed on so Sonja and SJ can attend.
ACTION Sonja and SJ to attend to promote SowX and will borrow Beckys tea trolley to create a mobile veg library for the event, with seedling give away
ACTION Sonja and Adam to consider if we have budget for a flyer/postcard we can give out at events
- Art of Going Green – 11am-5pm on 2nd/3rd July at St Margarets
- **Land Access – Adam**
Discussion about possibility of merging this and Farm Group as there may be little difference between them.
ACTION: Adam to email both groups to discuss.
- **Farm Group (Regional) - Adam**
See above
- **LESSN – Rosie A and Sonja**
Rosie keen to ensure shorter event is ready and that enough teachers are involved. Sonja shared similar concerns and will clarify that resources are being used properly. Agreed to set up LESSN meeting separately and will report back
ACTION: Sonja and Rosie to meet to discuss content and way forward, and feedback at next meeting
- **Composting Group – Sonja**
It was agreed that the Leeds Rotters will continue with the website and facebook managed by Paul M and contributed to by FL committee. It was agreed that Rotters is aimed at individuals rather than composting groups, the focus of Emmas funded programme is to create community composting at a number of locations across the city so would need its own brand identity.
Note that Zero Waste Leeds can support compost initiatives and LCC offer [discounts on compost bins](#).
- **Orchard Group - Sonja**
Gini and Alan on top of things and working with the council to develop new orchards. Also lots of great workshops offered by [fruitworks](#) on their website
- **IE Garforth – Dan** (emailed update)
Big Incredible Edible BBQ held at Garforth with IE groups from across Leeds - was a nice return to normality! The Community Composting pilot is going well (but Emma can update on that) whilst we are working with another area of Leeds to potentially get another IE project up and running.

For the wider network, we had a national Incredible Edible meeting last week and Dan was at the House of Lords launching the "Right to Grow" campaign.

From a Garforth perspective, we launched another new bed, are supporting Eco-Friendly Garforth with a food waste initiative throughout May and also supporting a couple of schools with their growing areas.

- **IE Crossgates – Rachael**

New beds being installed at Skyliner and within Temple Newsam Walled Garden – both highly visible locations with good foot fall, great opportunity to promote GYO and healthy eating.

The Seacroft Climate Action hub have also been provided with materials to grow potatoes in a bag

ACTION Rachael and SJ to discuss any additional materials/plants required

- **Foodwise - Sonja**

To celebrate Earth Day on 22nd April, Foodwise planted an apple tree at the Old Fire Station. The tree was grafted by them as at Fruitworks workshop.

The Food Strategy is moving forward well and Ellie and Sonja are working towards a consultation and a draft of the sustainability section.

Rosie A has moved fig tree to Burley park and lots of seeds have been planted

- Asked for an email to go to Tom B thanking him for his hard work

ACTION SJ to draft a letter for committee to approve

- **Leeds Allotments Federation - Rosie H**

Congratulations to the group who attended Harrogate Flower Show with their allotment garden, which was awarded Best Show Garden.

Rosie has also been promoting SowX at events with allotments and would welcome some flyers to give out. Rosie has also met up with Ann F re land access/hedge veg and allotment surplus and Ann is keen to support her work.

- **Horsforth Community Garden – Penny**

Council waiting for them to get funding before they give go ahead. No joy with applications so far.

Climate Action Horsforth is one of the Leeds hubs – the open day (15th May, see above) forms part of that and is key to finding out what the community wants.

It was noted that Kay is brilliant, and a paid worker for the Horsforth hub.

Penny mentioned community café in Horsforth has been using surplus from local allotments and had 1 bed dedicated to producing for them. SW asked if possible to use events to capture details of allotments to connect with local orgs

ACTION RH agreed and has contacts already so can map this out

- **Meanwood Valley Urban Farm - Adam**

AO reported that a 6month [traineeship](#) and also a community grower (link to be added when located) role are due to be advertised any day now.

ACTION Adam to share link

- **Climate Change Updates – Sonja**

SW is attending city centre space for Climate Action Leeds as part of an event on donut economics

3. AOB

FL Refresh Proposal: As the committee were quorate at this meeting a number of changes were proposed and agreed

- Review of subgroups – check priorities and purpose
- Review of SowX/Xchange etc
- Move to bi-monthly meetings online
- Use in person meetings to visit projects - 2 in-person meetings per year (1 = AGM)
- Review constitution in future.

Committee voted for the following:

- Adam and Sonja to review subgroups and feedback
ACTION Adam and Sonja
- SowX/Hedge Veg/LVL amalgamate to “Grow & Share” Locations to simplify to public
ACTION: Contact Paul to pull together and amend on website/map once agreed
- 6month trail of bi-monthly meetings, to review in October
RH suggested allotments could host, and committee agreed that other orgs could also be asked if they would like to host future meetings as an opportunity to showcase their project
ACTION RH August meeting @ Hollin Lane allotments (RH to approach Hollin Lane Allotment committee for approval)
- Constitution – still exists from when FL first started, does it need reviewing?
ACTION: RF to make it shared document on Google so it can be edited

Sonja also asked everyone to share info about FL– generally clarify what we do etc. as this may form the basis of a review of our comms and the FL constitution.

SW: “Food growing network for the city”

RA: “Overarching network that supports and connects food growing organisations”

RH: “ Extends food growing to wider range of population”

AO: “Vehicle for connecting ? and ? in the city”

Penny: “ Network of diverse food orgs (should we be doing more?)”

ACTION ALL: SJ created virtual pinboard for FL members to contribute to before the August FL meeting <https://flinga.fi/s/FPZNF6>

Request for contributions to the Working Hours podcast

Would any Feed Leeds members be interested in being on a [podcast](#) about working in Leeds in the 2020? Contact Simon Treen, Email: workinghourspod@western-studios.com

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4. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 27th June 4pm zoom meeting