



Feed Leeds 2022
Monday 27th June, 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), **Penny Pinn** (Horsforth Community Café & composting etc), **Lucy Ram** (Sustainability Project Officer, University of Leeds - Sustainability Projects), **Dan Robinson** (IE Leeds)

APOLOGIES:

It was noted that there were some issues with joining the meeting with the zoom link we provided, apologies to any members may have tried to join but were unable

Paul Magnall (FL, Rainbow Junction, Leeds Rotters), **Tom Bliss** (FL Vice Chair, Leeds Beckett etc), **Ellie Salvidge** (Sustainability at LCC), **Becky Mears** (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), **Rosie Hall** (LAF secretary), **Emilie Tricarico and Jamie Deakins** (Land Mapping project), **Alan and Gini** (Fruitworks)

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The April minutes were reviewed, many actions have been completed or are in progress. The approved minutes have now been uploaded to the website

<https://feedleeds.org/2022/07/11/april-2022-minutes-and-news/>

2. Feed Leeds Current projects:

Sub groups

- **Sow a Row Xtra – Rosie A**
Growing Friendships project continuing with workshops delivered at Gipton Fire station and planned workshops at Beeston (another hub for refugees and asylum seekers in the city).
- **LVL and Hedge Veg – Sonja/SJ**
Sonja, Penny, Becky and SJ attended the Horsforth Community Hub launch with a mobile Little Veg Library – it proved very popular and lots of FREE plants, seeds and gardening advice was given out.
- **Land Access & Farm Group - Adam**
Adam will facilitate a meeting with these subgroups and provide any updates at the next meeting
- **LESSN – Sonja and Rosie A**
Successful schools event held with Leeds Healthy Schools on 17th May Grow to School now working with MVUF to encourage school visits Question as to the future purpose of LESSN, sub-group (Sonja, Rosie a, Siobhan, Alma) will meet to discuss best ways to promote growing in schools and ways to continue to work with LCC Healthy Schools in the future.



- **Composting Group –Penny**
Plate2Plate will be attending the Art of Going Green at St Margaret’s Horsforth
- **Orchard Group – no updates received**

3. FL Members updates

Horsforth Community Garden, Horsforth Community Café and Art of Going Green Climate Change event - Penny Pinn

The Horsforth Community Garden now have a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for the accessible pathways to be installed. Please consider donating here <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/horsforth-community-garden> as once the pathways are in place the project can really get going. In the meantime the group have installed a raised bed and planted some fruit trees, unfortunately these were vandalised/removed and the group are now working with local schools to raise awareness of the project with YP and the local community.

Unfortunately neither FL nor Foodwise are able to attend the event on 2nd/3rd July but Penny will promote both organisations, providing a QR code so visitors can access the relevant websites.

Incredible Edible Leeds – Dan Robinson IE Leeds is now a CIC (made up of 16 local groups across the city). Recently enquiries have been received from groups in Whinmoor and Chapel Allerton who wish to install edible beds in their community. Thanks to the relationship with Northern Rail IE Leeds have created an edible bed at Castleford Train station and Crossgates train station is next to receive an edible bed. This is being complimented by a mural in the station which will be great advertising for IE.

Also working with government on ‘The Right to Grow’ legislation which will make it easier for the public to access land to grow locally.

University of Leeds Sustainability Projects - Lucy Ram

Lucy confirmed that 3 LVL’s have been created by HP Source for the University. These are to be installed at Left Bank, Heart and at the Sustainability Garden. Lucy to confirm postcodes once installed so these can be added to the FL map.

Because the LVL are proving so popular Sonja suggested developing a tool kit on our website to support groups creating new LVLs and planning activities. We already have a how to build resource, we would also like a growing calendar and examples of best practice inc. encouraging donations and volunteers. It was agreed that in the future it would be great to speak to all the LVLs across the city to find out what has worked well or otherwise to share best practice.

ACTION SJ: SJ agreed to draft a year planner to share with the wider committee to populate with additional ideas



MVUF - Adam

Confirmed that a trainee has now been appointed for the 6 month traineeship – the new recruit is actually one of the existing volunteers at MVUF so great to be able to progress them.

The Veg box scheme itself is having a few issues with sign up (also being seen at Kirkstall Farm) and Luke/Ben are working with other similar CICs/Veg Box schemes to brainstorm and identify barriers to participation. One big issue is the cost of living crisis and impact on what people can actually afford.

Fruitworks - Alan

Fruit Works Co-operative continue to support community groups with training and support. Shortly to be launching an online shop for "click and collect" apple trees.

4. Climate Change Updates

- **Climate Action Seacroft** held a Solstice celebration and launch at Killingbeck Allotments. It was a great event, well attended and the group have plans for many new projects.
- **Land Mapping project – Jamie and Emilie (details and information request)**

We're working on a project to build a tool to make it easier to get access to public land, easier to see how much land the council owns, where that land is, and if it's being sold off and to who. The hope is that a tool like this will help to increase the number of, and expand existing community growing projects throughout the city, whilst helping protect the longevity of public assets, which for a lot of us is the only way we can get access to use a sizeable chunk of land. Some other wider aims of this project are to help localise food production to increase food security and reduce emissions associated with the sector.

The map that Bristol county council has produced is similar to what we're envisaging, but with an additional feature of being able to apply for access to land through the map itself: <https://maps.bristol.gov.uk/pinpoint/>

We want to include existing community projects on the map, to work out how much of public land is currently being managed by community groups, where it's located and which communities would benefit from the creation of new projects. Over time a map like this would let us see if the number of groups is increasing, and whether more land is being allocated to community groups, something that is seen as one of the most important factors in creating a better food system in Leeds.

🔗 If you'd like to be involved in this process please could you fill out your project details in this spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ByoH_pDpec6EEkd2wCPOYLmFOjSsyJt8foB9nc3PzDw/edit?usp=sharing

We can then send through an aerial picture of your project for you to draw the boundaries on.

The existing map of growing projects created by Feed Leeds is a great resource which goes a long way towards achieving some of these aims. We think adding in

boundary data for each of the projects listed is the next step if we want to get the most out of it.

Many thanks for your precious help,

Best Jamie and Emilie

ACTION ALL Jamie and Emilie asked FL members to contribute to the mapping

5. AOB

Joe Foster shared details of an initiative in Switzerland Minga <https://minga.ch/>, much like a box scheme but members are able to Harvest Their Own! The idea is that customers pay into a scheme where a farm run on organic lines tells which tells them a) When a particular fruit or veg is ready for harvesting and b) How much of each veg the user can harvest, and when to come and do the harvest, etc.

6. Date of Next Meeting

We are proposing an in person outdoor meeting on the 22nd August at 4pm – Hollin Lane Allotments have very kindly invited us to visit their site. *If the weather is forecast to be heavy rain then we will revert to the usual zoom call.*

How to Find Hollin Lane Allotments; We are between Highbury Road and Hollin Drive ([LS16 5NE](#)). You get to the main entrance by following the unpaved track from Hollin Drive as far as the locked gate.

Future Meeting dates for your diary

Monday 31st October