



### Feed Leeds Minutes: June 24th 2019 – Mandela Centre

Present: **Tom Bliss** (Chair and minutes), **Sonja Woodcock** (Leeds Food Partnership), **Rosie Atkins** (LESSN and Kirkstall Valley Farm)

Apologies: **Sue Ottley-Hughes** (Stank Hall Barn), **Paul Ackroyd** (former Manager LCC The Arium), **Sarah Priestley** (Chapel Allerton in Bloom / Leeds 2023), **Camille Thomas** (Space 2), **Becky Mears** (Season Well, IE Guisely), **Luke Tilley** (Meanwood Valley Urban Farm).

*Note from Tom - sorry about the minutes being a bit rushed this month. I'm very tight for time before a trip to Vancouver. (And yes, I have activated the necessary trees!) :-)*

### FoodWise Leeds / Leeds Food Partnership

**We only went and did it! Well done Sonja and team :-)**



Sonja, Les, Emma Strachan, Cllr Charlwood and Gareth Batty from Fairshare all attended the Sustainable Food Cities Conference in Newcastle, where Sonja presented on our journey to Bronze.

SFC singled out Leeds Rotters for special commendation (see below).



LFP will be meeting in July to consolidate the organisation with an improved structure and a constitution, and to map out the first steps towards Silver. Sonja is doing the rounds with the certificate tweeting pictures of key people holding it: #bronzeontour.

See the press release [here](#)

### **Leeds Rotters**

The Wheelie Workshop went off splendidly, in spite of the weather, thanks to the loan of a Scout tent. (It's been a while since I've constructed a canvas mansion in the pouring rain. Happy days).





Mark Warner did a terrific job in planning the day, collecting the bins, taps, bolts etc, and then running the training with expert support from Paul (who also came to Potting Shed Drinks). Thanks to Sonja and Rosie for coming too. A happy if damp time was had by all making 6 cold and one hot bin, which were then taken away by various Rotters to form the first of what we hope will become a network of composting hubs. (Oh, and we signed the Co-management agreement).

See the more, including videos, [here](#) and [here](#). Next steps are being planned.



### **Chapel Allerton in Bloom**

The group came to Potting Shed Drinks and reported plans to plant lots of trees in the area. There's a possible name change in the offing, and other positive developments, including a stall planned for the Chapel Allerton Arts Festival.

### **Hyde Park Source**

Have shared their [summer newsletter](#).

### **Leeds 2023**

Tom and Ruth have not managed to sync diaries yet: **Sarah is liaising.**

### **Kirkstall Farm**

Still no decision from the council, but the list of people interested in supporting the project is growing well, and there are publicity events planned for Leeds Deli and Kirkstall Festival.

### **LESSN: Growing Food and Gardening through the Curriculum.**

Luke came to Potting Shed drinks and is keen that the next event should build on the success of the last. **Sonja to arrange a meeting with Adam, Luke, Tom, Paul, Soibhan and others as required.**

### **Climate / Brexit Risks and Disaster Planning**

Plans are progressing well, with a strong team now established at UoL and **Andy Goldring** engaged to moderate the scenario planning workshop / seminar in the autumn, which will bring LCC members and officers, food and climate academics, and food industry senior management together.

Tom is also liaising with the Priestley Centre and Carbon Brief on research into the impact of climate change on food, to coincide with upcoming IPCC land report.

This follows from contributions by his Priestley/UBoC colleagues Piers Forster and Kate Sambrook to the recent Climate Coalition's 'Recipe for Disaster' report:

<https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/recipefordisaster>

And here is another relevant report from the Landworkers Alliance:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpr1dq\\_7Sx-c96TJhEUGZ25YvQYEK6C8/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mpr1dq_7Sx-c96TJhEUGZ25YvQYEK6C8/view)

### **Belleaf** Community Food Project, Belle Isle

Shaf reports that he now has a core group and possibly an even better site, with good support from BITMO and LCC, thanks to Paul Ackroyd. Tom talked him through the options for a Belleaf Constitution, which the landlord requires. Progress is good, but Tom offered the option of FL co-management status as a safety net, so that the seedling project could use the FL constitution and bank account if necessary.

### **Friends of Stank Hall Barn**

Sue reports further vandalism - on an industrial scale this time, with the gates having been removed with an angle-grinder. This is more likely to be about the theft of materials from the building than the nicking of runner beans, but the group press on regardless. (Sue sent apologies because the council were installing new gates at the time).

### **Next Meeting:**

The next **Potting Shed Drinks** will be on **the 18th of July** at Further North **8 pm** (no room booking, just a drink).

**The next General Meeting will be at Tom's house; 32 Nunroyd Road LS17 6PF at 9.30 am on Monday the 22th of July.**