



Feed Leeds 2022

Monday 31st October, 4:00pm, Zoom

ATTENDING:

Adam Ogilvie (FL Chair, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm (MVUF)), **Becky Mears** (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), **Sonja Woodcock** (FL Treasurer, Leeds Food Coordinator at FoodWise Leeds), **Sarah-Jane Mason** (FL secretary, RHS - minutes), **Rosie Atkins** (FL, Leeds Rotters, LESSN), **Ellie Salvidge** (Sustainable Energy and Air Quality Team at LCC), **Penny Pinn** (Horsforth Community Café & composting etc), **Rob Moores** (Passion4Plants), **Helen Clayton** (LCC Allotments Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Dan Robinson (IE Leeds), **Paul Magnall** (FL, Rainbow Junction, Leeds Rotters), **Rosie Hall** (LAF secretary), **Clr Anne Forsaith** (Green Party), **Alan and Gini** (Fruitworks), **Emma Andrews** (Foodwise)

AGENDA

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The committee approved the minutes from the August meeting

1. Feed Leeds Current projects:

Sub groups

- **Sow a Row Xtra, Little Veg Libraries (LVL) and Hedge Veg** updates from October meeting by Becky Mears.

The sub group agreed that the LVL idea has proven very successful and the range of groups now hosting LVLs was much broader than anticipated. We have also received a few new enquiries from groups wishing to install a LVL and are struggling to find volunteer groups to make them partly due to the steep increase in wood costs.

Rob M commented that Armley Town Street Woodworking group might be worth approaching to see if they have capacity to build any LVLs and Adam O shared that there is a Mens Shed meeting at MVUF.

ACTION SJ to contact Armley and MVUF Shed groups to see if they can help out with any builds for us using the instructions available on our website or possibly the stencilled signage.

The sub group all agreed that we would like to be able to support the existing LVLs and new LVLs in the future, we would like each Climate Action Hub to have a LVL, but that co-ordination of activities was not easy as we are a group of volunteers.

We agreed that we could support more groups if we had funding to provide the materials for new little veg libraries to be built and a coordinator to link up LVL groups across the city, sharing best practice and provide seasonal training or workshops (Spring – Build a LVL,

Summer - Let's Get Growing, Autumn – Seasonal Produce Sharing and Ideas to Reduce Waste.

ACTION Becky & Sonja to contact Pete from HP Source to discuss the build costs for LVL and potential to work together on a funding bid possibly with National Lottery Community Fund to offer new groups LVL (maybe not the total amount but part of the cost or match funding) plus a co-ordinators time to develop and offer 3 training workshops over a 12 month period.

- **Land Access** – updates from Land Mapping event by Sonja.

Sonja shared that there was a lot of interest and that the event was well attended.

The event was to allow individuals and groups to meet up to hear more and help populate the Climate Action Open Source map of food growing in Leeds- this map will show all areas of potential or current food growing across the city so growers can link up with other growers or access new land to grow on. It is really important that as many groups and landowners add to the data and the beauty of open source is that it is free to use. She also confirmed that areas of land being grown on are being provided from a range of sources inc LCC, Individual Land Owners and CICs so will give a clear picture across the city. HP Source are working on the potential for groups to create temporary growing areas on unused land until it is ready to be sold or developed.

- **Farm Group** – initial scoping meeting arranged by Rosie A for November, more details to follow.

The sub group would be 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 and helping to connect smaller-scale growers and build collaborative markets.

ACTION Rosie A to invite Rob Moores to this sub-group meeting

- **LESSN** – Rosie confirmed that she has contacted the organisations supported by LESSN to confirm that we no longer have capacity to deliver events but we hope to continue to support Healthy Schools events and will consider invitations from other groups.
- **Composting Group – Compost collective update**

Compost Collective Garforth has kick-off as of 30th October. Currently x9 members, recruiting for a 10th.

Compost Collective Seacroft is kicking off in November as part of LS14 Trust's 'Pocket to Planet' project. Currently have x7 members, recruiting for at least x3 more.

Toolkit to support scaling up post-pilot is progressing well. Completed elements include a compost bin building instructions doc with photos + a members handbook that forms the basis of member training.

We're currently working on plans for after the pilot, due to end Jan 2023.

Links:

- <https://foodwiseleeds.org/project/ccl/>
- Toolkit will be shared on this page once ready, ETA Jan 2023.

- **Orchard Group**

Fruitworks have been very busy offering seasonal juicing sessions to over 20 schools in Bradford and continuing to support community orchards by offering pay as you feel winter fruit pruning workshops. .

2. FL Members updates

LCC Food Strategy

Ellie Salvidge, Senior Project Officer Sustainable Energy and Air Quality Team at Leeds City Council shared a presentation on the draft strategy just launched by Leeds City Council (see Appendix A) for comment by the attendees. She also confirmed that this would form part of our progression toward Silver Sustainable City Award.

There were some great comments from the attendees regarding the language used in the strategy and how to reach both business' and individuals.

ACTION ALL FL MEMBERS A draft of the Leeds food strategy has also been published online and is available for review and comment [Leeds Food Strategy](#) . If you would like to take part in the consultation please complete the online survey <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/VU4AFN/> or email comments to LeedsFoodStrategy@Leeds.gov.uk before the 18th December 2022. More information in Appendix A.

Passion 4 Plants

Rob confirmed that the [Passion4Plants](#) project is going well, and are now supplying a good range of seasonal crops through their veg box scheme, they are now looking to recruit a grower to work at the site with them. Please email hello@passion4plants.co.uk if you want to know more.

3. Climate Change Updates

- a) Update from **Climate Assembly 'Vision to Action'** event held on 20th October - Sonja and Pete ran the Land Mapping workshop and Food Strategy consultation. Confirmed there is lots of interest in access to land and improving Leeds sustainable credentials with the new strategy.
- b) Update from **Zero Carbon Yorkshire** event at **MVUF held in September**. Coordinated by **FoodWise Leeds**, who are working to create a healthy, sustainable and fair food system for everyone in Leeds through transforming policy, contributing to research, motivating businesses and communities to become FoodWise. The evening included: refreshments, talks from local organisations and learning about local food and growing schemes.

4. AOB

- a) **Feed Leeds website**

Maps – the website maps have been in existence for a number of years and we want to ensure the locations and contact details are still current. Please can all members ensure their details are correct – any changes please let us know.

General content and links – if you notice any links that no longer work please do let us know.

ACTION ALL FL MEMBERS Please check your details on the FL website and let us know if anything is incorrect or needs updating by emailing info@feedleeds.org.

- b) **Feed Leeds meeting frequency** and setting dates for 2023

It was agreed that holding meetings alternate months was better for the group, we also really enjoyed the in-person meeting and hope to offer more of these. The December meeting will take place on the 12th December and is our final 2022 meeting date.

Proposed dates for 2023

Monday 20th February – AGM

Monday 17th April

Monday 19th June

Monday 21st August

Monday 16th October

Monday 18th December

- c) **National Gardens Scheme Funding for Community Gardens** £500 to £5,000 available to projects in England, Northern Ireland and Wales run by amateur gardeners within community groups or Community Interest Companies (CICs). Deadline: Tuesday 31 January 2023. <https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/>
- d) **Leeds Local Plan** comprises a number of documents containing long-term strategic planning policies, that guide the amount and location of development in the Leeds district. It also includes more detailed topic-specific policies that guide different types of development, and makes sure that priorities such as design, green space, heritage, infrastructure, flood risk management etc. are considered during decision making.

ACTION ALL FL MEMBERS As part of the Local Plan, Leeds City Council is commencing formal public consultation on two planning policy documents and you are invited to make comments about both or either of these documents. **More details below and in Appendix B**

1. [Leeds Local Plan Update 'Your Neighbourhood, Your City, Your Planet' Publication Draft Policies](#) 8 week public consultation period starting on **Monday 24 October and finishing on Monday 19th December 2022.**
 2. [Leeds Innovation Arc Supplementary Planning Document](#) 7 week public consultation period starting on **Monday the 24th of October and finishing on Monday the 12th of December 2022.**
- e) **Bee Together project – Lidgett Lane Allotments** Rob shared details of the [Bee Together](#) project who aim to link people from Leeds to Lancaster by extending the Bee-Lines developed by earlier projects. All communities involved have the common goal of engagement, education and practical conservation work to support these vital creatures. The group are supporting Lidgett Land Allotments to create a wildflower meadow; providing advice on species to include and Meadow Management for maximum benefit.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th December – zoom

AGENDA to include setting the February AGM agenda and discuss potential locations

APPENDIX A – Leeds Food Strategy Presentation by Ellie Salvidge



Today's Session

- Why we need a Leeds Food Strategy
- How this strategy was developed
- We want your views:
 - Vision
 - Themes
 - **Sustainability & Resilience objectives**
 - Health & Wellbeing objectives
 - Food Security & Economy objectives
- Online survey



Why we need a Leeds Food Strategy

- Articulate what is already happening
- Identify current gaps and areas for improvement
- Set the strategic direction for the city to 2030
- Leeds Best City Ambition
- Sustainable Food Places



How this strategy was developed

"Leeds to have a vibrant food economy where everyone can access local, healthy, and affordable food that is produced in ways that improve our natural environment and embrace innovation"



- Overarching Strategy Group
- Health & Wellbeing Working group
- Food Security & Economy Working Group
- Sustainability & Resilience Working Group



Vision

Leeds to have a vibrant food economy where everyone can access local, healthy, and affordable food that is produced in ways that improve our natural environment and embrace innovation



Themes

We will work towards our vision by focusing on three key themes:

1. **Health and wellbeing:** Help people to eat a safe, healthy, and balanced diet to improve Leeds' health and wellbeing.
2. **Food security and economy:** Ensure everyone in Leeds has access to nutritious food as part of a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant food economy.
3. **Sustainability and resilience:** Ensure the way Leeds produces, consumes, and disposes of food is fit for the future and supports our climate action plan.



Health & Wellbeing Objectives

1. Ensure people of all ages know how to access and eat food that supports their health and wellbeing
2. Change our city environment to help make healthier food more available and appealing
3. Offer targeted support that helps people most likely to develop diet-related diseases
4. Champion community food initiatives that support healthier eating
5. Develop a skilled local workforce that works collaboratively to advocate for healthier eating and changes which enable it



Food Security & Economy Objectives

1. Tackle the root causes of food insecurity
2. Improve access to, and inclusivity of, emergency and affordable food initiatives to help more people in need of support
3. Continue to build a strong partnership approach across all sectors and with the people of Leeds
4. Support inclusive growth within Leeds' food economy
5. Promote Leeds as a vibrant food city—celebrating our independent food, drink, events, and culture



Sustainability & Resilience Objectives

1. Empower residents to choose healthy diets by raising awareness of choices that are good for the planet
2. Tackle waste by reducing, redistributing, and utilising surplus food
3. Champion environmentally sustainable and resilient procurement
4. Support local farmers to transition to resilient and profitable agriculture which improves the environment
5. Encourage and enable innovative and community-led food production





Online Survey

- Open October 24th – December 18th, 2022
- Can access via link on LCC website

www.Leeds.gov.uk/FoodStrategy

LeedsFoodStrategy@Leeds.gov.uk



APPENDIX B Consultation on:

(1) Leeds Local Plan Update: Publication Draft Policies (Regulation 19) - Your Neighbourhood, Your City, Your Planet'; and

(2) Leeds Innovation Arc Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

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2. [Leeds Innovation Arc Supplementary Planning Document](#)

You are invited to make comments about both or either of these documents and more detail is set out below.

(1) Leeds Local Plan Update: Publication Draft Policies

This will be an 8 week public consultation period starting on **Monday 24 October and finishing on Monday 19th December 2022.**

The objective of the current Local Plan consultation is to update and improve existing policies and make new ones to address climate change, and the climate emergency declaration to achieve net zero emissions by 2030. The City Council has published the Publication Draft Policies for the Leeds Local Plan Update (LPU) and will consider responses before proposing to submit the plan to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.

Please visit the Local Plan Update webpage www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu where you will be able to:

- view the consultation material
- book a place at our webinars
- find out more at our drop-in events

It is important that we hear from everybody that wants to comment, making sure we gather the views of as many people, businesses, and stakeholders as possible, so the comments gathered represent varied views from people all across the city.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you do not understand the material or the process. We will be happy to talk you through it.

People can have their say on the proposed policies by using the online response form through the website www.leeds.gov.uk/lpu or:

- emailing lpu@leeds.gov.uk
- writing to: Policy & Plans Group, Merrion House, 9th Floor East, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

We would prefer you to use the on-line form if possible as it makes it easier to manage your responses and speeds up the time taken to assess comments.

(2) Leeds Innovation Arc Supplementary Planning Document

This will be an 7 week public consultation period starting on **Monday the 24th of October and finishing on Monday the 12th of December 2022.**

This supplementary planning document (SPD) details guidance for future development and transformation of the 'Innovation Arc' – an area to west of the city centre which is home to many of the city's educational, healthcare and cultural institutions. The SPD covers movement and connectivity, public spaces, land use and opportunities, heritage and culture and sustainability.

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