



Feed Leeds In-Person Meeting– 4pm on Monday 24th June *Please note the change of date.*

At Kirstall Valley Farm, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS4 2QD (behind Ready Steady Store)

ATTENDEES

Rob Moores (FL Chair, Passion4Plants), **Rosie Atkins** (FL secretary –minutes, FL Farm group), **Sonja Woodcock** (FL Treasurer, Leeds Food Coordinator at FoodWise Leeds), **Penny Pinn** (FL, Horsforth Community Café & Garden), **Ed Elcock** and **Niall Johnson** (Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium); **Robbie** (Chef at Shine); **Rocky** (Anna Marshall) + **Susanna Batley** + **Sol** (Solomon Bourne) (all at Blue Marble - see info below).

APOLOGIES

Becky Mears (FL, IE Aireborough / Season Well CIC), **Sarah-Jane Mason** (FL secretary – minutes, RHS), **Virginia Morandi** (Ginny) (Fruitworks coop), **Dan Robinson** (FL, Incredible Edible Leeds), **Ed Elcock** (FL, Yorkshire Mushroom Emporium), **Ama Chaney** (Grow to School), **Camille Thomas** (FL, Space2), **Clarrie Ramsden** (FL, Climate Action Seacroft), **Paul Magnall** (FL, Rainbow Junktion), **Emma Andrews** (FL), , **Alan Thornton** (Fruitworks coop), **Gemma Hoban** (Incredible Edible Leeds), **Lynn Brown** (IE Meanwood), **Rosie Hall** (FL, LAF Secretary)

MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting

Approval of minutes from last meeting (for a copy of the minutes see website

<https://feedleeds.org/>)

1. Feed Leeds Current projects

Get Growing Leeds (inc LVL and Sow a Row Xtra) – review of campaign and events supported

Feed Leeds were successfully awarded funding from Leeds Community Foundation to launch the #GetGrowingLeeds project for 2024 and we are now collating the results/impacts of the engagement. We used the funding to engage new growers across the city by promoting events held between 24/5 and 9/6/24 and sharing free plug plants with groups. We thank Zoe Parker, Foodwise for developing the social media campaign and marketing materials.

In total we were able to support 20 events organised by different groups across the city and are collating. We need to follow up the groups to ask for data on numbers attending.

ACTION: Sarah-Jane email all groups who registered to check on numbers of attendees, plants given away and engagement/images from events.

ACTION: Sonja Complete the video of Feed Leeds engagement at the Bedford Fields event.

FUTURE PLANS – We will be holding a harvest celebration inviting all the groups to meet and share a meal and good news stories. This event will be a good way to evaluate the impact of the campaigns and share best practice between groups.

ACTION: LVL Subgroup Begin planning a harvest event in October, inc venue and date. Becky will demonstrate seasonal cooking, what other activities would we like to include.

Farm Group

The Farm Group and NRFC have been successful in their funding bid to Farming the Future, for a project to explore a bean processing unit in the North for agro-ecological farmers, aiming to supply beans/pulses for human consumption regionally.

ACTION: Rosie, Sonja and Barbara to attend 1st meeting 1st July.

Feed Leeds Consultation – Ed, Rob and Rosie.

Ed, Rob and Rosie met to draft the consultation re FL role and capacity in initiating, encouraging & supporting food growing individuals and groups

ACTION: Rob, Ed and Rosie to compile a list of stakeholders.

ACTION: Rosie to send Consultation out to FL Committee members for comment asap so that it can be circulated to stakeholders to gather ideas and thoughts.

2. FL Members updates

Blue Marble

Rocky (Anna Marshall), Susanna Batley and Sol (Solomon Bourne) are 'Leeds Blue Marble' . This is a new food-growing project for student houses with the “Leeds Quakers” and “Climate Majority Project”. The project is at the initial exploratory stage. It aims to make having growing space, compost bins, etc an established part of student housing.

Fruitworks

Can you help Fruitworks? They are looking for volunteers to help with harvests this autumn and recipients for the apple harvest.

ACTION ALL Contact Fruitworks if you can help

ACTION Rosie contact Fruitworks and suggest Harewood House Chef Will Goggins may be interested (Robbie's suggestion).

No other updates received from members

ACTION ALL Please don't forget that if you are unable to attend a FL meeting you can share updates by emailing info@feedleeds.org

3. AOB

FL Website Update- noted that some information on the website is out of date/ incorrect.

ACTION: FL Committee will arrange for updates, once responses to Consultation have led to an agreed FL role and capacity in initiating, encouraging & supporting food growing individuals and groups

Permaculture Events and FL Socials – Update on proposal for joint socials with FL and Leeds Permaculture Network. We have agreed that this would be a good way for organisations across the city to work together to offer regular socials to members.

ACTION: Sonja to explore potential venues and costs

Lush at White Rose - 'Charity Pot Fundraising Event' in store arranged for Saturday 29th June, SJ and Rosie to attend. The event will not only raise funds for the group but also awareness about growing in Leeds, LVLs and we will be encouraging more people to Get Growing by giving away free seeds.

The Food, Farming, and Countryside Commission (FFCC) which leads The Food Conversation, is inviting groups to host your own event and join a unique UK-wide conversation about food . SEE: https://ffcc.co.uk/news-and-press/have-your-say-on-food?utm_source=Food%2C+Farming+and+Countryside+Commission&utm_campaign=c29e7f4593-Local+toolkit+launch+%2B+Sue%27s+blog&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2263b4a96a-c29e7f4593-623316082

Save the date:

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Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th September 2024 in-person meeting (venue TBC).

If you would like to host this meeting at your growing site, please do get in touch.