

GFL SG Meeting 20th July 2 – 3pm 2023

Minutes

Please read in advance:

1. Minutes of 15th June Meeting: <https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/post/food-growing-in-lewisham-schools>
2. Individual pledge list - see list in the newsletter: <https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/post/july-2023-good-food-lewisham-newsletter-schools-growing-food-summer-holiday-events-meeting-mps>
3. Re-look at Business Charter
4. Look at examples of individual charters from other networks e.g. <https://www.shropshiregoodfood.org/copy-of-good-food-charter-individual-signup>
5. Re-read Chair Role description
6. FJAP for anyone who hasn't already read it: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/socialcare/health/food-justice-action-plan>

FYI if you have time also look at these either before the meeting or generally:

1. Broken Plate
2. GFFAL report
3. Notes on business network meeting 4th July: <https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/meeting-minutes>

Attended: Tariq, Raymond, Andrea, Simone, Helen, Laura, Stella, Theresa, Lakhvinder

Absent: Helen B, Susan, Martin, Danny, Helen M

Time	Item	Notes and things to read in advance if possible	Who
2	Quick introductions & welcome & APs from last time	<i>Quick go round, welcome Raymond</i> <i>Action Points from last time – bios/photos, ToR etc.</i> Raymond – Lewisham Council – Business Team Andrea – Lewisham resident Tariq – Lewisham citizen Lakhvinder – Lewisham Council – Public Health Stella – local food project etc. Theresa – local gardener, forager etc. Action points from last time: AP: Please send bios to Helen for newsletter and website if you haven't already (= Lakhvinder, Stella, Raymond and absent people) AP: ToR – Tariq and Simone have been working on this – Helen to revise before sending final draft	Helen/all

2.05	Recent Updates	<p><i>Helen, Simone and Laura to give brief overview of Q1:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 15th June network meeting Wasn't sure how it would go – did go well, had to think carefully about invitations, new connections made between schools growing projects. Andrea: could we showcase these projects at upcoming festivals – opportunities to sign up to our whatsapp group/projects 2. Business networking 4th July Informal network meeting, to build relationships with businesses, talked about concerns, what we want support with – building foundations to develop a working group. Pleased with progress. Next one will be in Badger Badger in Deptford. Whatsapp group is really effective. 3. SFP Parliament / MPs / councillors etc. – what would be useful to ask them to support with? Engaged with MPs at SFP day of action. Would be useful to have a brief for MPs and Cllrs to know what to ask for? AP: Any ideas or support please contact Helen Lakhvinder - flying flag good food agenda, joining the dots, share network meeting dates to get people to join, mention in other meetings people attend. Join mailing lists. Can be hard to get people to understand what the agenda is. Andrea: Sustain and Food Foundation send campaigns which we can send to MPs to get support. – keep good food on the agenda. Feeding into parliamentary working groups – provide evidence. 4. Small grants programme – six grants for activities over the summer 5. GLA funding – raised funding from GLA Objectives of fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) an increase in the number of food aid providers within partnerships that offer support beyond food – including cash-first and wraparound approaches, and referrals to advice services b) increased awareness and visibility of Healthy Start across food partnerships and the Londoners who use their services, including newly trained staff and volunteers who can signpost and support applications and better links between statutory and voluntary sector work on Healthy Start 	Helen/ Simone/ Laura/all
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2.20	Choose a chair	<p><i>Helen resent the chair role around People were asked to put themselves forward by email with a statement and then we would vote in the meeting Tariq put himself forward.</i></p> <p><i>Tariq spoke to the statement in the meeting:</i></p> <p>There's a lot of good things that could be joined up – background in wider government, large strategic projects, programmes and governance. Transferable skills, lots of activities, chance to take things forward, comms, governance, strategy.</p> <p>Tariq – unanimously voted in.</p> <p>Important to review how the chair role's going regularly – maximum term's 3 years.</p> <p>AP: Helen to liaise with Tariq, arrange a meeting soon</p>	Helen/ Simone
2.30		<p><i>Ideas for developing individual pledges/charter?</i></p> <p><i>Ideas for how to get more individuals involved / people signed up to the newsletter etc.?</i></p> <p>Lakhvinder – Shropshire - visually good Andrea - visibly looks good and idea – what happens next/what happens when people pledge? What are the follow up actions they can take? – need a call to action. Maybe they could get a standardised follow up email with ideas for each point? Tariq – follow up is really important - audit on progress on pledges - helps to measure impact and from a comms perspective. Shropshire, clean and neat. Laura – shared an example on her pledge to grow veg 8 years ago – now has an allotment, took 8 years</p> <p><i>The conversation drifted to business charter rather than individual, but there's some overlap:</i></p> <p>Lakhvinder – healthier catering commitment - question around who will support businesses on this? How do we know if businesses who signed up are still following this? Piece of work to find out if they are following this. We need a system – maybe a self-reporting mechanism? ACTION: Lakhvinder and Laura to discuss list of businesses pledges under sugar smart, and healthier</p>	Helen / all

		<p>catering to check if they are still progressing when they sign up to business charter.</p> <p>Could we ask customers to review whether businesses are fulfilling these pledges?</p> <p>Andrea: these are the businesses that are signed up / pledged – ask members to visit, support and feedback on progress.</p> <p>Concern around naming and shaming businesses given cost of living crisis / duty of care with businesses</p> <p>But we could find something that covers both individual and business charter / pledge</p> <p>Raymond - good publicity to businesses. Emails them yearly to check in on how they are going with their commitments.</p> <p>Possible date window: late September/October (<i>not sure what this refers to?</i>)</p> <p>AP: Andrea and Tariq to support Helen to develop individual charter.</p> <p>Can be simple - on a postcard and put on the fridge</p>	
2.45	Planning next quarterly network meeting	<p><i>Reflections on last meeting, ideas for theme for the next one, when would be good, where would be good?</i></p> <p><i>Ideas for future meetings?</i></p> <p>Andrea - migrant food hubs and initiatives, celebrating lewisham being a borough of sanctuary</p> <p>Lakhvinder - asked around food for people in temporary accommodation, timely. Could we have a network meeting that brings everyone together (food groups), review progress so far in place and where we are going? = Justice Alliance</p> <p>Laura – migration museum offered location – could be fitting? And Albany?</p> <p>Stella - Food skills – know what organisations have and what their volunteers have – what knowledge and skills – mapping on what skills and <u>audition?</u> are ready – trained etc.</p> <p>Helen – climate – important to do and links to projects e.g. food network climate tool</p> <p>Andrea – could link climate theme with a national or international date e.g. March – earth day, or world soil day, link to something to raise awareness – Helen had already looked in to autumn climate related dates</p> <p>Simone – could migration theme be targeted for food giving groups zoom session – conversation?</p>	Helen

		AP: team to work out theme soon and start organising	
2.58	Next meeting and AOB	<p>Proposal - next meeting: Thursday October 5th 2 – 3.30pm?</p> <p>Tariq: include review and lessons learned and next steps in meetings</p> <p>SG thanked Helen for chairing the SG up until now and putting structure in place.</p> <p>Lakhvinder: could we learn what's happening from other partnerships around the SG?</p> <p>Helen's attending sessions with other partnerships</p>	Helen