

## Good Food Lewisham Steering Group Meeting

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Attended: Helen Jackson, Laura Tilbury, Tariq Pir, Simone Riddle, Helen Buttivant, Theresa Webb, Sistah Stella Headley

Apologies: Andrea Zick, Lakhvinder Matharu, Danny Jack

### 1. Introductions

Helen B – consultant PH, leading on food justice action plan development at Lewisham Council (FJAP)

Tariq – background in strategy and programme management, public and private sector

Laura T – community development worker, local business at Lewisham Local – supporting good food businesses

Stella – RMUK Wellbeing and Food Project, provide surplus and cultural food, cover Lewisham Lambeth and Southwark, doorstep befriending, recipe sharing

Theresa W – based in Hither Green nutritional therapist, food grower and horticultural designer, teaches wild food foraging

Thahn decided to step down since the last meeting as he's too busy. Chris Henry from Lee Greens may join the business working group rather than the overall steering group.

### 2. Overview of where we're at now with the project, plans, questions, suggestions

Round table for food giving groups in Jan was a success – looking at how to extend City Harvest food through the borough

Developed a business charter for signing up local businesses to engage with Good Food Lewisham

Network meeting on food growing and foraging end of Jan – lots of energy on the topic

Received funding to develop the food growing network through Sustain's Growing the Good Food Movement Grant

Food giving network meetings – happening regularly online – less often but with more structured content, going well

Food justice community grants programme -currently open

Coming to the end of Year 1 – reviewing and looking forward to build project plan for Year 2 – next SG meeting we'll look at the review of Y1 and see if the SG have reflections and ideas for Y2

### 3. Terms of Reference

Survey for SG members has gone out – to complete by 16<sup>th</sup> of March (the sooner the better) which will help to inform and plan the ToR workshop on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Tariq – think the questions are the right questions: values and behaviours

Focus of roles and responsibility – member should have a clear role or responsibly to make sure people have a clear remit

Helen B – make it clear if you don't know answers or have time, things to bear in mind for workshop

**ACTION: all members to complete the survey Helen sent out by March 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **4. Ideas of other people who could join the SG/update on capacity?**

Tariq: need a key cohort of membership who are consistent but also visiting ad hoc membership based on topics – i.e specialisms. Need a representative feeding up and down from working groups i.e. food growing and businesses feed up to SG and vice versa. External specialist but coming in grounded in topic and what we want them to discuss- need to give them a specific objective and item

Simone – idea is to have representatives from each working group on the main SG

Theresa – would like to be able to involve interested people into food projects. - Pippa

Ranger – form Friends of Forster Memorial Park, Rushey Green school &

Kayla Sandwell –

Who do we want on steering group and how do we invite people? Need to define the process – this will link to workshop.

Tariq: Workshop: need to discuss what are we trying to achieve, and what are the timelines – who do we need and what skills do we need to achieve what we need to achieve – then map against what we have. Every so often – dialogue with workgroup on progress. If we map out activities- then people who may not being able to join meeting could take on individual actions

Simone, engagement with schools is a gap

Suggested action to develop a Comms package to engage stakeholders in network (possibly linked to Charter)

This discussion was a helpful intro for the workshop

**ACTION: all to send a personal bio for website i.e. a short paragraph and photo about themselves to Helen/Simone to add to GFL website**

**ACTION: Helen to liaise with Theresa re new members and how to best engage**

**ACTION: All to think of who could be potential representatives to join the SG**

#### **5. Planning the next network meetings (these are open to the public and intended to get a wide range of people involved)**

21<sup>st</sup> of March – 8.30am breakfast network meeting- all involved, visiting Ed the baker

[Good Food Lewisham Business Network Meeting Tickets, Tue, Mar 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

To discuss: London Living Wage and support available from Council, Launch of Business Charter, Coops etc.

#### **Topics for next network meetings?**

Schools and food growing; Project at hospital with Forster Park and schools – Sandhurst

school has a garden, Conisborough college – engage schools in activities like this –school

digital newsletters – can be a great way to engage thousands of families- growing campaign?

Schools- engage a few key people who have a passion from this – Helen B may have some contacts

Sedgehill school – as well – linked with Forster parker and Beckenham Place Park.

**ACTION:** Laura to let Village London know when the good food directory is ready to identify breast feeding

**ACTION:** Helen to lead on organising this meeting, people to send her ideas/contacts re schools

**6. Update on Food Justice Action Plan/Alliance**

Launch was postponed and now looking to set a date for end of April. Keen to get invites out in next couple of weeks. Pencil in 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

Funding for a Food Justice Programme Manager to establish food justice alliance as strategic group to oversee the plan. Discussing how the Steering Group aligns and how to develop the alliance alongside food partnership.

Already we are making progress with actions even though not launched.

**ACTION:** Helen B to send invites

**7. Dates of the next meeting**

TOR Workshop in person – 3-5pm – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March – Simone to look at Action 2000 Centre Deptford – this is now booked. People can arrive earlier to get settled as we'll need to actually start at 3pm.

Steering Group meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2-3pm online – We'll focus on reflecting on Y1, ideas for Y2, planning the next quarterly network meeting in June.

**ACTION** Helen to send calendar invites - **done**

**8. AOB:** All to follow GFL In social media (Laura shared in chat)