

NHTT Local Food Group Minutes

Monday 26 April, 7.30pm Letham Village Hall

Attendees: Jenny Methven, Kerstin Fricke, Louise Barron, Lesley Paterson, Barbara Holden, Molly Bullick, John Rae, Fred Reid, Jean Gowan, Andy McKie, Clare Hamilton Sturdy, Corrie

Apologies: Katie Connolly, Becky Little, Hamid Van Koten, Hayley Mills

Master Composter Talk, Jenny Methven

Jenny Methven from Fife Council Master Composter Scheme gave an interesting and informative talk on composting highlighting the different types of composters available. Links to the sites and details will be posted on the Food Forum on www.nhtt.org.uk and sent with the LFG Newsletter

Matters Arising

1. Community Bulk Buying

AP -Kertsin will speak to Laura to establish if she is still interested in carrying this forward. If not we will need to find someone else to progress this project.

2. Community Bake house Feasibility

A number of ideas were raised around this including having a community bakery, having a 'build your own clay oven' workshop to facilitate bread making in the community or simply bread making workshops . We have funding that wasn't used last year. If we can carry forward this we have £1500.

Next steps: Louise to email the ideas round the food group, put something about the project in the e bulletin and also open up a discussion on the Food Forum.

We will potentially carry this forward with a sub group but will establish this after communications have gone out.

3. Local Food Directory

There is no specific funding pot for this unless the group would be happy to redirect money from another project.

The Directory is to be at a NHTT area level taking in cottage industries. AP Barbara will be compiling list over the coming months to establish what people are growing and if they have an excess that they would be willing to share

4. Date for Wild food forage with Tony Wilson

Louise has spoken to Tony Wilson who has suggested we do this in September.

AP Louise to get some dates from Tony and feedback to the group

5. What would we like to June workshop to be?

Suggestions made were Bread making or bee keeping talk.

AP Andy will make contact re the bee keeping.

6. AOB

- Louise highlighted that the e barter and food forum are now live on the website so people can start to use this
- We have a budget of nearly £4000 for **food facilitation**. Andy opened this up to see if anyone had suggestions. **AP Louise to open this up to the group via newsletter and forum.**

Next Meeting: This will be a garden snoop as agreed at March meeting. **AP Louise to arrange and circulate date.**