



Manchester Food & Well-being Network (FWN)



Minutes Tuesday September 2nd 2008 Meeting held at Manchester Alliance For Community Care (MACC)

The FWN is a subgroup of the Health and Well-being Network.

These minutes and relevant documents are available on line at:
<http://CreativeLocalSolutions.co.uk/roblog>.

Present

- Rob Squires - Chair
- Jackie Kilbane – Health and Wellbeing Network
- Tim McMahon – [Sustainable Neighbourhoods Pool](#)
- Geraldine Wall – North Manchester Community Food Co-ordinator
- Rowena Pyott, [HELF Partnership](#)
- Lydia Herford, Link
- Sarah Alldred – [Making Local Food Work](#)
- Paul Brighthouse – Enterprise Facilitator, New East Manchester
- Bernie Murphy - Central Manchester Community Food Co-ordinator
- Zohra Imam
- Steph Roth – Rebuilding Lives

Apologies

Edward Kane – [People First](#)
Steven Hughs – [People First](#)
Gavin Clarke

**Talk / presentation: Sarah Alldred, Project Co-ordinator:
Making Local Food Work**

Sarah Alldred is the project manager for a new national partnership called Making Local Food Work, based in Manchester, and led by the Plunkett Foundation.

<http://www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk>

Sarah gave a 15 minute question and answer session on MLFW to the group. She is keen to stay engaged with the Network, as she thinks it is a good way to help promote the services of MLFW.

Since MLFW is a national project, she thinks she can also contribute to the group positively, by keeping members up to date about national issues.

Action: Sarah to forward group members information about the Ethical Shopping Conference in London on the 4th December.

Food Futures representatives

Edward Kane from People First is currently a representative of the community and voluntary sector, on the board of Manchester Food Futures. He would like to resign from this position in the near future, and instead act as a representative of vulnerable people's issues, where he feels he would be more influential. There is not currently a vulnerable people's subgroup.

Action: Jackie Kilbane is to contact Food Futures about the possibility of a new vulnerable people's subgroup.

Rowena Pyott expressed interest in replacing Edward Kane on the board.

Action: Jackie Kilbane to email members of the Health and Wellbeing Network, and ask for expressions of interest in Food Futures board post.

Geraldine Wall expressed interest in representing the FWN in the Food Futures Growing subgroup.

Talk / presentation: Paul Brighthouse, Enterprise Facilitator, New East Manchester Urban Farm

Paul Brighthouse is an enterprise facilitator based in New East Manchester, with a background in social enterprise, and community food issues. He is interested in setting up a community farm in the area, and is in negotiation with Food Futures about this already, particularly in relation to being part of their Food Hub application to the Local Food Fund. Paul gave a 15 minute question and answer session about the initiative, and provided everybody with a briefing paper on the project.

Action: Paul to circulate information about a meeting he is organising, to involve people in the community farm initiative.

The Big Lottery Local Food Fund, report back on consultation

Rob Squires gave a report back on the community and voluntary sector Local Food Fund survey and consultation that Creative Local Solutions has undertaken on behalf of Food Futures. This is part of a piece of work to develop strategies for using the BIG Lottery Local Food Fund to support voluntary and community groups in Manchester

Action: Rob to circulate a report on this when it is complete.

Options appraisal for developing new ways to share information within the FWN, and Food Futures

Rob Squires is currently working on an options appraisal, for using information and communications technology (ICT) solutions, in order to develop new ways to share information between FWN members, Food Futures, and the public.

Action: Rob to continue with Options Appraisal, for review at next meeting.

Esmee Fairbairn Food grant

The Esmee Fairbairn Food Grant is very suitable for the Food and Wellbeing Network, and Rob circulated a briefing paper on this. Rob is only funded to organise one more FWN meeting.

Decision: It was agreed therefore that the group should apply for EF funding to maintain the Network.

Action: Rob to complete a stage one application (very simple) for review at next meeting.

Next meeting

Decision: The next meeting is to be hosted by the HELF Partnership (probably at either the Zion Centre in Hulme, or the Harpurhey Day Centre).

Action: Rob to liase with Rowena Pyott, and circulate details of next meeting.