

Food and Growing Group Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday 30 July at 7.30 Venue: Lesley's house, Culbokie

Present : Peter, Lesley, Julie S, Duncan, Jimmie, Penny, Martin, Trish, Julie G

Apologies: Anne, Marcia, Barbara Lindsay

Activity	Link persons	Notes and Agreed Action
Local Larder Marketing, business updates - see attached reports	Julie S.	Full report from Julie S (attached). Promotion idea - feature LL at food related film evening(s) if appropriate. More business cards needed - JG coordinate number left; suggested idea of A5 leaflet. Include Julie S in Canva training session.
Apple Press Bookings update; organise support for presence at markets and BIG etc Additional day(s) at Lesley's ?	Duncan et al	Duncan has a revised booking system in place, needs updated details put on website and advertised to members/others. Duncan to send to Peter and Sheila. Market apple press coordinators (to find helpers and sort out collection of apple press) 28/9 NK. Anne 5/10 BIG/Fortrose All 12/10 Crom Peter/Fran Tilbrook -Julie G check 19/10 Culb Duncan/Peter 26/10 NK Jimmie 2/11 Fortrose Martin Additional days at Lesley's ? Will leave to see how much demand there seems to be this year.
Pasteuriser - bookings system etc	Martin	Been tested by M+P, seems to be intermittent fault with pasteurizer but will keep trialling. Juicer takes a long time, but pasteurizer works well (when it does work) 8 x 1ltr jars per go. Martin to advertise in newsletter.
Grow North - update Growing Guide - additional copies	Julie G, Lesley, Marcia	GN Workshops going well. Sarah Grant and Julie Brewer both have ideas for future developments in relation to practical skills and food respectively. (Not necessarily as part of GN) Julie to meet and explore. Growing Guide - number of additional copies to be decided at next Admin Meeting. Marcia interested in making some revisions working with someone else....but wouldn't be able to begin until winter probably.
Pocket Orchards		Tullochs have agreed to a site in N Kessock; don't appear to be any other possibilities (Rosemarkie/Fortrose didn't come to anything.) Group supported NK option if Anne can find a small group to support/maintain the site.

<p>Future development - update on Ethical Food Conference</p>	<p>Martin</p>	<p>Martin gave brief update of what started as Ethical Food Conference. Small group has met, discussed/shared ideas and Emma Whitham has been tasked with putting together a proposal out of these. Currently a structure of 4 sessions on different relevant topics and then a final ‘pull it all together and action setting’ session. Envisaged over several months.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>Date of next meeting</p>		<p>NKessock v interested in a foraging session. Contact Tommy ? and Lesley has sent some info. to Anne</p> <p>Seedswap discussed - importance of saving seeds. Lesley to put an item in the newsletter.</p> <p>Early Sept - a Network evening at Abriachan focusing on food and growing projects/ initiatives in the area. Invitation to relevant initiatives to briefly present to group - Julie and Penny will give overview of TBI/ Grow North.</p> <p>Next meeting - 7.30 Tues 29 October, at Lesley’s. Focus : GQT, Potato Day etc</p>