

Food and Growing Group report for Admin meeting 9/11/21

Recent meeting held, mid October.

Decision by the group re **Tattie Event**

- after discussing all options : Tattie Day (either at NK or BI Showground), Tattie Shed, click and collect - decision is to repeat last year's approach of Tattie Hosts, maybe with one or two more added, plus stalls at the two markets. This decision made primarily as we felt Covid was still sufficiently serious that large crowds would be risky. Also folk know the process so likely to access it more easily.
- to order in about 50% more tatties than last year, we feel we could cope with that and would sell them.

Apple Press usage - one person at Culbokie market, and Anne at NK market. Duncan reports few hires also.

Apple Press trailer in need of a service and Duncan will see to that over the winter.

GQT - group would like to have a GQT (either quiz or question time) - either online or hybrid- but no hands going up to organise it. Hence advert in recent newsletter. Anne is going to contact Jem who has an IT background to see if he'd be interested in being involved. But that still means a coordinator etc needed. One or two folk happy to contribute questions for a quiz.

Seed saving - Lesley on the case.

Grow North - email has been sent out to all past participants for feedback and ideas for a possible series next year (👉). Response deadline mid Nov but have had several v positive responses and ideas already..enough to work with and begin to plan with. Clive and Julie getting themselves back on their feet after a horrendous year and hoping to offer a 'Permablitz' this year ahead, and keen to work with TBI activities ...so GN may be able to collaborate as we have before.

Still £1100 in Coop original GN funding available.

Info update - HC currently v supportive of local communities using any spare piece of HC land for growing/allotments (if large enough)/ orchards. Possible allotments at Avoch and NK.

Asked **Q 'Whither Food and Growing'** as in our current meetings we are really only discussing and organising 'the next activity'suggestion of online discussions. Would be supported, just needs someone to organise.

Julie 7/11/21