Meeting of the Food Group
The Geldart
9th September 2009
Minutes

1. Present: Nicola (chair), Ceri, Dave J, Ivan, Jason, Pippa, Jerry, Jackie, Martin (secretary)
   Apologies: Rowan, Dave F

2. Previous Minutes
   The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the following corrections which Nicola will make.
   Item 6: Heath Farm has 60 not 600 acres of fruit trees. The owners name is spelt Wallis not Wallace

3. Matters arising
   £1,900 grant has been received by the Steering Committee from Lush to finance 10 awareness raining events leading up to the ‘great unleashing’ – see website for details
   Nicola has updated the list of gardens on the Garden Share section of the website. It has been agreed that we do not support guerrilla gardening
   Ceri will include the two Foster Road gardens on the Garden Share poster
   Jason reported that CCF are keen to collaborate on the GYO scheme whereby they will hold the theory sessions (next scheduled for 14th Sept 7.30-9.30 at Ross Street Community Centre) and the Food Group will arrange the local practical session, provisionally planned for Holbrook Road and Trumpington with other sites sought.
   Jason will see whether Andy from CCF can attend the GYO Review/Planning/Celebration meeting on 17th Oct in Trumpington new hall
   Martin will advise Jason of the date of the first planned practical for next season – provisionally Saturday 27th February at 10.30-12.30 at Holbrook Road Allotment; Ceri will advise whether space will also be available at Trumpington to start on this or other date.

4. Liaison with University Transition Group
   Nicola will respond to David Rose, who is interested in providing cooked food for students, directing him to the Café Project and saying that we would be happy to publicise any event that he arranges.

5. Food Garden and Produce Festival
   Jackie will contact Rowan to perform some t.l.c on the display boards
Provisional Schedule for staffing the stand is:

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**Nicola** will contact those people who have offered produce asking them to contact Ivan to arrange pick up

**Nicola** will also remind people to enter the produce competition

**Martin** will purchase £20 of plums or other fruit from Heath Farm to sell alongside the produce at the stall.

Ian has sourced a box of biodegradable carrier bags

**Jason** will bring a map to be able to locate and catalogue the site of fruit and nut trees in Cambridge

**Martin** will provide a “Fruit and Nut Tree” display sign

6. **Preserving Food + WRAP for October**

**Pippa** will contact the Trumpington WI to see if anyone will give a talk about using left-overs from your fridge

**Martin** will contact the WRAP lady to see if she will give a talk

**Martin** will chase Coleridge to see cost and availability of hiring the Student Kitchen for a preserving Saturday in October

**Jackie** will contact Vickie at Cambridge City Council for possible placement of a food waste article in Cambridge Matters.

7. **FG leaflet**

The meeting passed a grateful vote of thanks to Hilary for her wonderful work in designing the new leaflet.

**Nicola** will collate the proposed amendments and email them to Pippa

**Pippa** will arrange for 100 photocopies

Pippa obtained quotes for professional printing: £226 for 500 colour; £263 for 1000 colour; £150 for 500 B/W inside – a decision on this awaits access to further funds.

8. **Grants**

Sources of possible funding were discussed:

Coop grant – requires an application from someone who is a member – The T-C Steering Committee received £500 in Oct 2008

Sustainable City offer both capital (for items) and revenue (to pay wages) grants—they prefer the former; The Steering Committee have received 2x£500 over the past two years
Martin will contact Sustainable City to see whether the Food Group could seek a grant separate from the main TC. 

Martin will provide Pippa with a proposal the Food Group receive some of the Lush or other funding for a specific activities/project/events.

9. Grow Zones

This is a “Ground Force” type of activity focusing on helping in turn to upgrade the gardens/vegetable plots of members. It is organised by Chris in Bristol. 

Pippa will phone him to say we are happy to promote the concept in Cambridge

10. Social Events

It was agreed to hold a social (bring and share food) in October. Subsequently Martin proposed his house (2xx Hills Road) for 7pm on Weds 21st October.

11. Permaculture Group

Ceri is considering setting up a separate group to follow this approach

12. Next Meeting

23rd September, Geldart Pub; 7.30pm
Jason will chair; Jerry to take minutes; Nicola will issue the agenda