Meeting of the Food Group
The Geldart
23 September 2009
Minutes

1. Present: Jason (Chair), Rowan, Ivan, Pippa, Jackie, Martin, Jerry (Secretary), Andrew (guest, from Newmarket).
   Apologies: Nicola, Kim, Dave F.

2. Previous Minutes

   The minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to the following correction which Nicola will please make.

   Item 10: Martin’s address is 253 Hills Road, not 254 Hills Road.

3. Matters Arising

   Martin will look into the possibility of obtaining a Sustainable City grant from the council.

4. Food, Garden and Produce Festival

   There was a vote of thanks for Dave F and Kim for supplying so much produce. The event was judged a success with £212 raised and nearly all the produce sold (including all the preserves and most of the seeds). Kim took photos of the event. The allotment map was rated the most popular part of the display. Ivan noted that many more people had heard of climate change than peak oil. Having separate sections for produce and displays/information was judged a good idea. It was felt that having a good number of people on the stall helped to create a “buzz”. Whether or not it would be good to have a stall in the main stall section next year was discussed - it was agreed that it should be considered if not too expensive. Ivan volunteered to write a report on the stall for the website. The sign-ups that expressed a particular interest in food issues are to contacted directly by Jackie. All the sign-ups will go to Nicola.

5. Making the Most of Food

   Saturday 10th October, 11am - 4pm Coleridge Community College, Radegund road. This event involves a cookery demonstration from home economics teacher Kathryn Bruce, cooking lunch together and a talk from Marlene Taylor from “WRAP”. Pippa, who’s organising the event, distributed some flyers for us to put up. It was suggested that Arjuna or the Co-op might be prepared to sponsor food.
6. **Social Event**

This will be a “bring and share” event at Martin’s house, 153 Hill’s Road, Wednesday 21st October. It was decided that the invitation should go out as an e-mail to all the food group and also be put on the Transition Bulletin. **Martin** is to write the invitation.

7. **Transition University Lunchtime Market**

It was decided to postpone detailed discussion of this topic until we could talk to David Rose. In the meantime it was decided that **Jackie** would send him an e-mail saying that we looked forward to meeting him, but the group was not currently in a position to offer food for sale.

8. **Cambridge Matters Article**

**Jackie** is to get in touch with Vicky from Cambridge Matters magazine again and see how she wants any article slanted. **Jackie** would like any recipes for Christmas left-overs that are out there.

9. **Mill Road Winter Fair**

Saturday 5th December, we’ll be having a stall (**Jason** to book us in). The possibility of making our own hot apple juice was discussed as was the use of a “smoothie bike” or similar.

10. **Leaflets**

Anna has applied for a grant for these. A printer’s quote for £260 for a thousand was approved and **Pippa** was given the go-ahead to proceed with this.

11. **Grants**

**Martin** is to follow up on Co-op grant, while **Pippa** is to look into the possibility of obtaining an NHS grant to promote “healthy eating”. The Lush grants are apparently supposed to be for new groups - the formation of a “Making the Most of Food Group” was discussed.

12. **Vegswap**

It was decided to leave as an individual choice whether or not to join.

13. **Grow Zones and Foodshare**

**Pippa** has a “Grow Zone” leaflet (Grow Zone is to be launched in Cambridge January / February).
A new shop should be opening in Hope Yard (off Mill Road) called Urban Larder, selling fresh local produce etc.. It was resolved to wait until the shop opened before we decided whether to lend support.

14. **Garden Share**

We’re still desperate for a third person to help organise this. Jackie is looking for successful sharers who would be prepared to do radio interviews etc..

15. **Grow Your Own**

CCF are starting their theory class in February. Jason is to talk to the CCF committee to ensure our practical sessions are publicised and “tied-in” to the theory.

It was mentioned that a care home (“Cambridge Manor”) on the corner of Gilbert Road and Histon Road is looking for somebody to cultivate three small raised beds. Possibly this could potentially be a new demonstration plot.

16. **Social Events**

Pippa is organising a trip to visit a Permaculture group in Chingford on Sunday 11th October. This includes a walk through Epping Forest and maybe a picnic lunch.

17. **Permaculture**

Discussion was deferred to the next meeting

18. **Growing Schemes in Schools**

Discussion was deferred to the next meeting

19. **AOB**

We’ve booked a Christmas pub meal at the Geldart on Wednesday 16th December. Nicola to send an e-mail to the group. Menu options to be sorted out at a later date.