

**Notes from Environmental Education Network Meeting – Local Food  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2015 – Rolleston Primary School**



**Attendees**

Lee Jowett (Environmental Education Coordinator, Leicester City Council), Lisa Didier (Leicester Local Food Plan Manager, Food for Life Partnership), Sarah Eames (Teacher, Sandfield Close Primary School), Addy Tyler (TA, Whitehall Primary School), Paula Walton (Food Routes, Leicestershire Nutritional And Dietetic Service), Susan Richards (Leicestershire Nutritional and Dietetic Service), Sarah Hearn (TA, Rolleston Primary School), Sally Davis (Rolleston Primary School) Sue Holden (Project Manager, Leicester's Food Plan), Julian James (Teacher, Soar Valley College)

**Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves

**Food Routes**

Paula briefly explained the purpose of Food Routes and the background to their service. See attached information for more details.

**FFLP**

Lisa Didier spoke about the FFLP award and how this can support schools in particular around the dining experience. There are a number of things that FFLP can offer schools – e.g. bespoke activities – which are currently being developed – see attached information about workshops offered.

**Leicester's Food Plan**

Sue described Leicester's Food Plan and the ambitious targets in it – in particular that schools were being given support from Food Routes and FFLP through commission work on behalf of the council.

**Discussion**

A number of things were discussed how to support schools further on growing food:

- Staff time to be able to get out and grow was a big issue, e.g. even if a person has allocated time, they often have to cover elsewhere
- Linking into curriculum time – particularly in secondary schools
- Training for staff to ensure they get the most out of their land
- Looking at good examples of what's worked well for other schools
- OFSTED will be inspected how children and learners keep themselves healthy, including healthy eating, under the new Common Inspection Framework from September 2015 (attached letter).

It was agreed that council employees would brief lead members in the council who could then endorse and disseminate to headteachers. Public health and environment would also brief learning services on this to raise the profile and the need to ensure this is highlighted

to schools that could then develop in their SIP (School Improvement Plan) which could then allocate time and funding with specific outcomes.

***Rolleston allotment***

The meeting ended with a visit to Rolleston's allotment area which was a great way to find out what can be grown and how Sarah has developed the area.

***Next meeting***

Mellor Primary School, Waste, Recycle and Litter – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (4.00-5.30pm)