

Leicestershire Sustainable Farming & Food Chain Workshop

Climate Friendly Farming, Innovation & Skills.
29th March 2021

Promote practical support and business advice for climate friendly farming approaches, ensuring that skills and innovation focus

Present

Gavin Fletcher	Leicestershire County Council	Samantha Woods	Consevation Volunteers
Lucie Hoelmer	Leicestershire County Council	John Clarkson	Leics & Rutland Wildlife Trust
Jan McCourt	Farmer & Northfield Farms	Jessica Locke	Farmer)
Phil Jarvis	Farmer & GWCT Allerton Project	David Wood	Rutland Agricultural Society
Greg Parkes	Farmer, Leics YFC	Kevin Tighe	Rutland Agricultural Society
Luke Hamer	AHDB	Andrew Gedge	SMB Colleges
David Davis		Jemma Clifford	GWCT Allerton Project
Geoff Guy	SMB Colleges	Andrew Brown	Farmer & Rutland County Council
Lisa Craddock	SMB Colleges		

This group is one of three workstreams that has emerged from our initial October 2020 workshop. The others are Procurement and Producer Groups and the Melton Food hub.

Topics Covered;

- Ethics around sustainability
- Partnerships and better outreach to consumers
- Changing Farming Systems, reduced use of inputs
- Increase wilder habitats in Leicestershire.
- Nature recovery network strategies for Leicestershire.
- Connecting rural and urban nature
- Carbon foot printing, health & diet
- Measuring and monitoring carbon
- Providing learning and skills development for young people.
- Business management skills
- Address climate change and part farming can play, by informing and engaging with communities.
- Food waste
- Benchmarking environmental performance
- Importance of economic model and incentivising farmers
- Machinery sharing group for regenerative agriculture.
- Demonstration of production systems

Actions

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| 1. Information sharing web portal, initially could be hosted on Allerton Project website. |
| 2. Webinars informing and linking public to food producers. |
| 3. Business models and case studies and economic realities of food production. |
| 4. Arrange demonstration and climate friendly farming visits. Allerton Project at Loddington & Stanford Hall suggested |
| 5. Investigate machinery sharing network for regenerative agriculture farmers. |

Please [contact us here](#) if you can help: jclifford@gwct.org.uk

