

Sustainable Food Lancashire

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Sustainable Food Cities

- <http://www.sustainablefoodcities.org/>
- SFC Network is an alliance of public, private and third sector organisations that believe in the power of food as a vehicle for driving positive change
- Aims to encourage organisations and local communities to work together to improve their food system and to use food as a catalyst to tackle local challenges.
- 36 members across UK - cities, towns, boroughs and counties



Sustainable Food Lancashire

- Initial discussions between TCL and SFC in October 2012 - successful Lancaster event in May 2013
- SFL est. in December 2013 – 1st birthday yesterday!
- 17 steering group members: Edge Hill Uni, Ormskirk Foodbank, Love Food Hate Waste, Food for Life, Made in Lancashire, UCLan, LCC and UA, Food Active, Healthy Schools, Food Ethics Council, Global Renewables and Foodwise Training Ltd.
- Constituted, meet every 6-8 weeks



Aims of SFL

- To develop a Sustainable Food Charter for Lancashire by holding consultation events across the county - LCC and UA funding
- To establish and support local action groups to map good practice and implement the charter
- Aim of action groups is to build on and support existing work, identify gaps and groups working in isolation and to work together to support the Sustainable Food movement
- 7 action groups: Lancaster, West Lancs, Fylde and Wyre, Preston, East Lancs, Blackburn and Blackpool
- Working on Chorley and South Ribble



Charter – SFC 6 key issues

- Promoting healthy and sustainable food
- Tackling food poverty and increasing access to affordable healthy food
- Building community food knowledge, skills, resources and projects
- Promoting a vibrant and diverse sustainable food economy
- Transforming catering and food procurement
- Reducing waste and the ecological footprint of the food system



What's next

- Become a charity/CIC
- Apply for funding for time, training, themed events etc – BLE programme
- Develop website and social media
- Launch charter
- Support action groups to implement charter, target hard to reach groups/individuals and to use food to breakdown cultural barriers and resolve conflict – WW1 messages
- Bring other agencies on board and further encourage joined-up working
- Develop and deliver food related training etc
- Provide support to other counties



Thank you

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