

Food Partnership Meeting

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Venue: 3VA office.

Notes from Meeting

Participants:

- Steve Jordan (Eastbourne Hospitality Association)
- Jo Wunsch (3VA)
- Sara Latimer (Edible Eastbourne)
- Karen Stewart (Wadhurst Close Patchwork Farm, Transition Eastbourne, Independent consultant, DWBL)
- Claire Hackney (Community Stuff)
- Bianka Bartosieucicz (Community Stuff)
- Stephen Hughes (3VA, Chair and Minutes)

Apologies:

- Zoe Nickolls (East Sussex College)
- Ruth Figgest (Community Wise)
- Steve Jordan (Eastbourne Hospitality Association)

1. Stephen welcomed everyone to the meeting which has been convened by 3VA for the provide participants with the opportunity to share views on the potential development of a Food Partnership for Eastbourne. Such a partnership or network was discussed at the 3VA Community Network meeting in July 2017 and was the subject of an exploratory meeting of Community Network participants and others at a meeting on the 11th September. (Minutes circulated).

Stephen circulated a Report from 'Sustainable Food Cities' and a Check-list for groups considering adopting the sustainable Foods partnership model.

2. Participants considered what the key issues and priorities might be for a Food Partnership, what sort of Vision there might be and the options for structure and governance arrangements.

Key issues and priorities discussed included:

Cooking/skills; Fair Share and issues around storage and distribution, accessing good quality food and linking with food markets and Supermarkets community

objectives; Influencing public and policy makers/ education/ Campaigning and Food Poverty.

Other issues / activities for a partnership might include developing the evidence base; asset mapping

3. A 'Vision' for the Partnership was discussed and it was agreed could focus on some or all of the above issues accompanied by clarity of purpose and values such as sharing information. Collaboration and mutual support for funding purposes. Development of a coherent Vision will be essential as this will form the basis for Aims and Objectives to take forward actions around the priorities for the Partnership.

4. Participants discussed the options for a formal structure for the Partnership that would support decision making and provide the best vehicle for delivery of partnership activities (and funding). There was discussion about how other Food Partnerships have developed –based in the Public Sector, hosted by an existing Community Group or Independent. The partnership should be open to all sectors including the private sector.

5. Funding. The partnership will need a dedicated resource in terms of staff time so funding would be needed for a part-time salary for a Co-ordinator / similar to get things moving and be self-servicing.

6. Role of 3VA. Stephen agreed to continue to provide support with fixing meetings and recording partnership decisions (this cannot be an open ended offer though as 3VA resources are limited and cannot extend to fully hosting the partnership – the partnership will need to become self-servicing.

7. Decisions.

Participants agreed that a Steering Group be formed to develop a Food Partnership for Eastbourne.

The partnership should be an independent community initiative with a Steering Group – the following agreed to join the Steering Group:

- Edible Eastbourne
- Community Stuff
- Eastbourne Hospitality Association

It was suggested that the following should be invited to join:

- Chamber of commerce
- Food Bank
- Allotment Society
- Southdown (Someone from Health and Wellbeing services)

8. Next Steps.

Stephen agreed to circulate the Minutes of the meeting (including to those groups suggested as potential members of the Steering Group) and to convene the next meeting in the New Year.

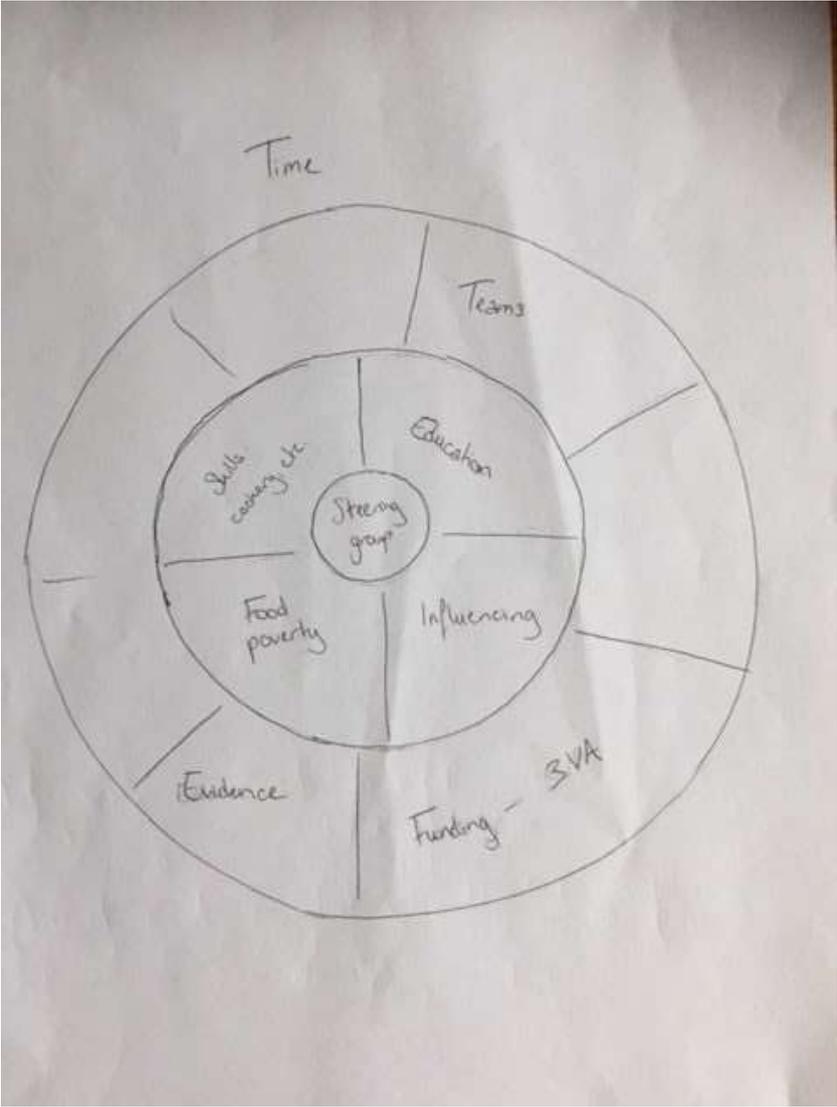
Action: All participants to forward suggestions for Agenda items to Stephen

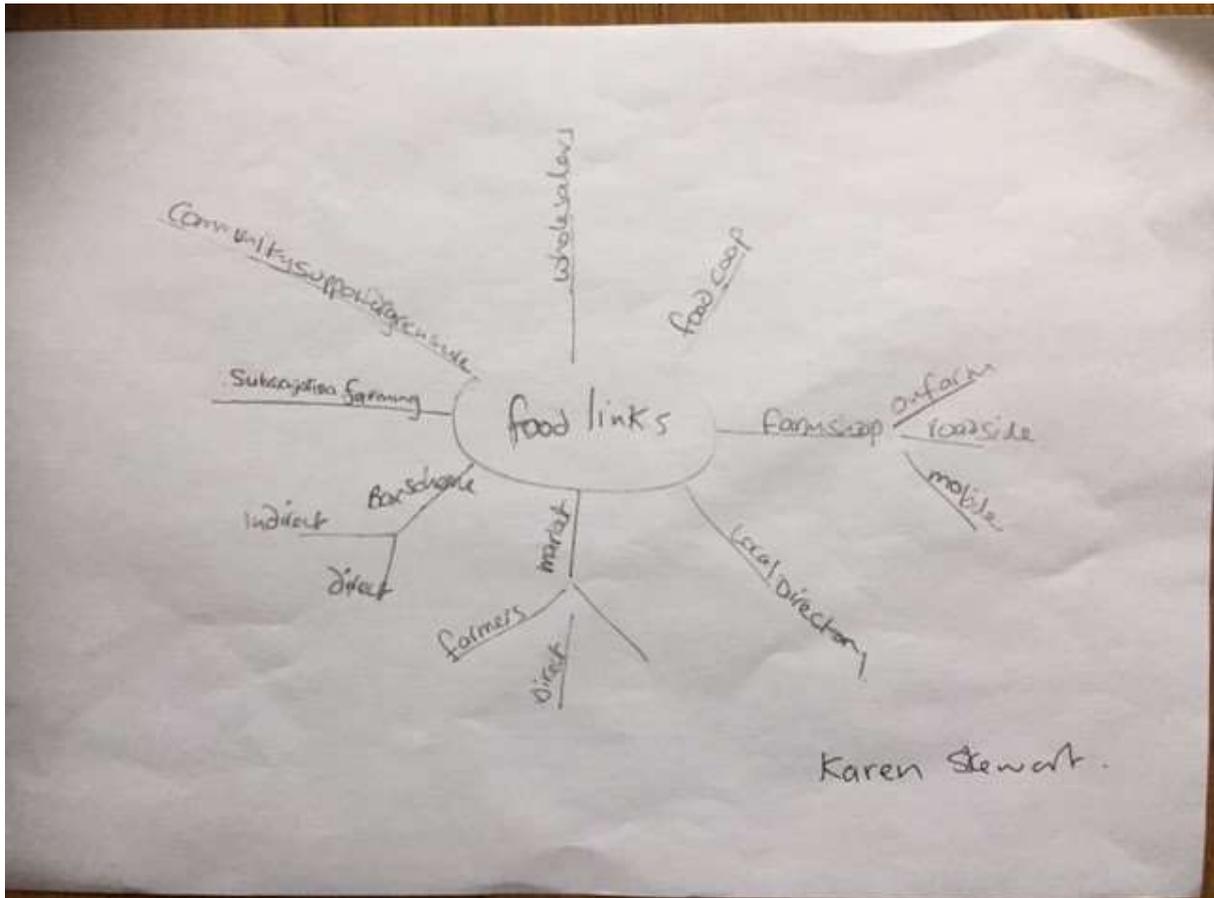
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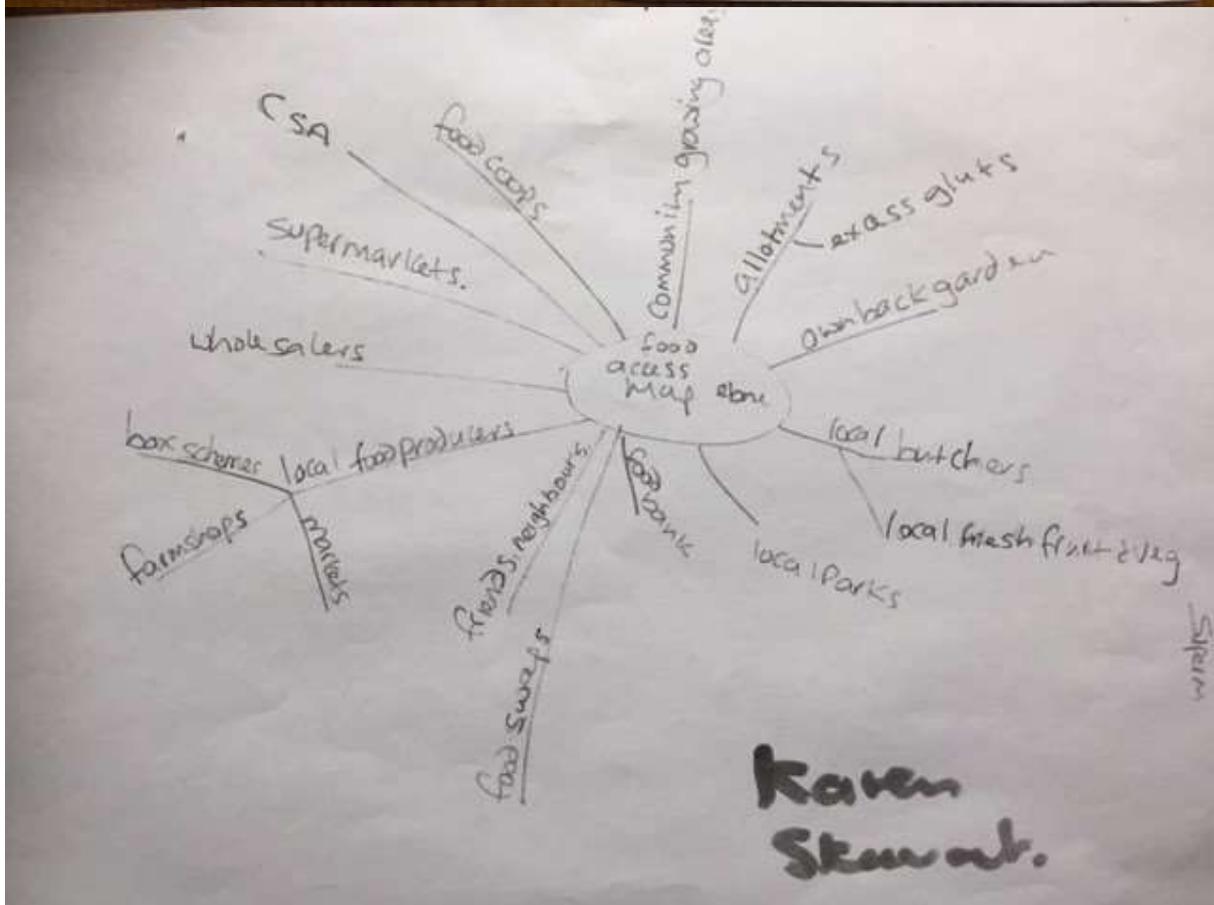
Email: stephen.hughes@3va.org.uk

Thank you to Karen Stewart for the diagrams illustrating the group discussion at the meeting. The following were used as a basis for part of the group's discussion, showing the central role of a Steering group and Karen's illustrations showing food links and a food access map.





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