

Project: Create Community Forest Garden explore potential for working with LFA on Dutch Farm and Clarke Gardens (*and other sites*)

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Strategies for action

1. Approach:
 - The Association of Liverpool Allotments
 - Liverpool Food Alliance
 - Relevant Facebook groups
2. Obtain map and identify possible sites for forest garden/fruit tree planting. Make publicly available (put on Google Maps etc)
3. Find partners:
 - Schools
 - University students
 - Locals
 - Gardening clubs
4. Approach charities for funding:
 - Mersey Tree Council
 - Awards for all
 - Corporate
5. Arrange meeting for interested organisations/volunteers

The five key points (next steps)

1. Set up Liverpool Forest Garden group, with members:
 - Nina Dales
 - Carly Hobson

- Derek Dottie
 - Brenda Tillston
2. Form partnerships - become associated/partner/ member with Liverpool Food Alliance
 3. Identify Business Purpose
 4. Develop action plan and strategy (sustainable)
 5. Raise awareness and recruit members
 6. Design garden
 7. Set up Cooperatives
 - Abundance Liverpool
 - Micro Brewery
 8. Lease proposals for community food forest site

Feedback from others (Post-it notes)

- Extend idea – find your own land
- Growing Forest School group in Liverpool
- You could start small by inviting people to plant fruit trees in their gardens
- Community resources – mapping the areas, (*identifying*) disused lands, warehouses, also parks not in full use to be converted into Community Forests
- School/Educational project collaborations
- Juice press?
- Health and well being

Notes

- Fruit trees – forest gardens – in unused green spaces

- No legal hurdles to plant fruit trees/forest gardens
- 200 allotment plots unoccupied city-wide
- Link up with the Association of Liverpool Allotments
- (Potential) brown sites
 - Council would look to facilitate partnership with Liverpool John Moores University to look at investigating possible contamination of land.
 - City Council Green Infrastructure Study, together with an internal audit – we can access through council
- Identify spaces – database/map available from Council
- Guerrilla gardening for unused spaces
- Lease larger spaces for long-term projects (e.g. 20 years)
- Green spaces
 - Clarke Gardens, Woolton (BTCV)
 - Kingsley Road (Growing Granby)
- Mersey Forest is giving away trees, together with providing funding for community groups