

Community Bakery Sub Group Meeting

8pm Wednesday 29 September 2010

Present: Louise Barron, Neil Stoddart, Barbara Holden, John Rae

Apologies: Adam Day

Neil provided a round-up of where we are at the moment.

Action from previous meeting

Following the last meeting Neil, Louise and Barbara were to contact other community Bakeries. Neil has contacted Findhorn and shared the feedback with the group. A key point was to ensure that you pay your bakers well.

Barbara mentioned an example of a bakery that failed in Kirriemuir and agreed to make contact.

Letham Primary/Fife Council Update

Fife Council Update-Neil will be speaking to Fife Council and the Primary school over the next few weeks.

Fisher Donaldson

Fisher Donaldson have offered us the use of their ovens while they are not in use. The group discussed the possibility of doing this for a trial period. Neil agreed to contact them to confirm about costs, timings.

Feasibility Pilot

The group are proposing to run a short pilot where they will make and deliver bread to those within the community who have expressed an interest. We currently have a list of 11 people gathered from Collessie Gala and Food Skills Day. Louise has drafted something to go in the Community Newsletter to ask for more volunteer households. Below are aspects of the pilot that were agreed

- Will run for 3 weekends of 12th, 19th and 26th November
- We will offer 6 types of bread: Morning rolls, wholemeal rolls, Spelt and Grain Loaf, Foccacia, White Loaf, Multigrain loaf. Households will be able to order 2 types.
- These will be free as pending approval we will use the CCF feasibility money. We will calculate costs
- Those signing up to the scheme will have to agree to provide weekly feedback. Potential cost will be calculated and given with the bread to indicate if this would be agreeable with potential customers.
- We will arrange a trial run before launching the pilot to ensure everything runs smoothly
- Louise will coordinate ordering and feedback
- Once we have spoken to Fisher Donaldson Louise will contact all those interested to present the idea of the trial and confirm interest in taking part.

Funding

The group talked about future potential funds for taking things forward. Barbara has a lot of ideas back from the bakery course. Dunbar Community Bakery is using community shareholders.

Once the pilot is complete we would look into putting together a funding strategy and business plan.

AOB

Louise highlighted that 49% of those surveyed in 2009 expressed an interest in Bread making. The group agreed that it would be good to tie this in to an awareness event early 2010. Louise will raise this at the next food meeting as potential tie in with Reskilling.

Next Steps/Actions

- Neil to contact Fisher Donaldson
- Barbara to contact Kirriemiuir venture
- Louise to look into other community bakery business models
- Louise to feedback to food group main contacts
- Louise/Neil- Draft up feedback
- ALL-Source ingredients and calculate costings
- Set Date for trial run

Next Meeting Wed 3 November, 7.30pm Venue TBC