

On Fri, 7 Jul 2023 at 09:36, Biddy Kelly <Biddy@freshstartweb.org.uk> wrote:
Hi Charlotte

Fresh Start whole heartedly support the Sustain/LWA application to the National Lottery Climate Action Fund to aid becoming a climate hub. The farm is an essential part of the community and essential part of reducing food poverty, allowing local people to grow and buy local produced fruit and vegetables. As one of the community groups to already have benefitted from the farm in having our own allotment space there (as well as getting produce to supply our community pantry with free fresh produce) we know already the benefits to local people; reducing social isolation, allowing people to access outside space, physical activity and of course access to fresh locally grown fresh produce, as well as the chance to grow their own.

The next step in the longer term plan is the development of the climate hub which I see as the next step for local people becoming informed about the environment, but in a manner that is easy, accessible and in language that they will understand. A lot of the people that access our space at the farm are living in abject poverty and need baby steps to understand their place and role within the climate and environmental landscape. And I know that this project will be able to do in a sensitive and non-judgemental way.

Please do not hesitate to contact if you require any further information.

Kind regards
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