# Good Food Business: building resilience during Covid-19 7 May 12-1.30









## Agenda

- Welcome and updates from Sustain
- Presentations from:
  - Sophie Andre, Elysia Catering
  - Alexandre Bettler, Today Bread
  - Amy Greenfield, Awesome Wales Zero Waste Shop
- Q&A
- Presentations from:
  - Christina Reynolds, GCDA
  - Kerry Rankine, Growing Communities
  - Nick Weir, Open Food Network
- Q&A and round up





## Defending our Food Supply



- How we can support those who supplying us with good\* food?
- Listening to our networks
- Collecting and collating information
- Sharing and signposting
- Looking at wider campaigns
- Longer term resilience
- [\*CHECK OUT OUR BLOGS]

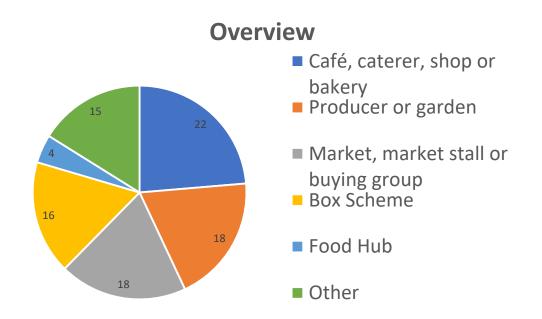
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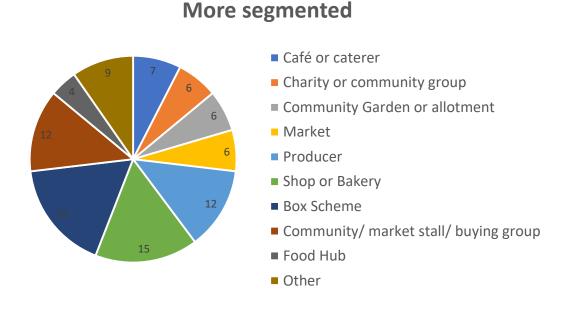




## Food Enterprise Survey results

96 responses in total, 59 food coops, 37 LFL, plus 200 responses from bakeries

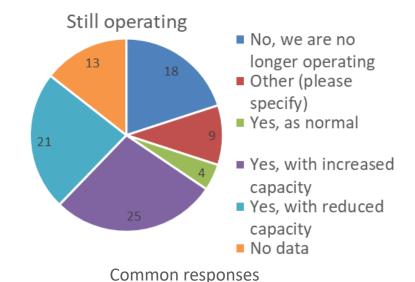


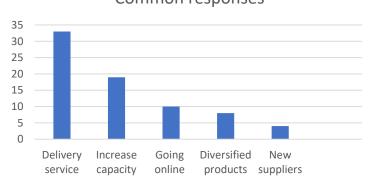






## Food Enterprise Survey results





- Most enterprises have stayed open
- Many have adapted to the lockdown with delivery service being the most common response
- Mix of platforms
- Many collaborations
- Capacity and support to pivot
- Sources of info and guidance: networks, similar organisations, government bodies/local councils

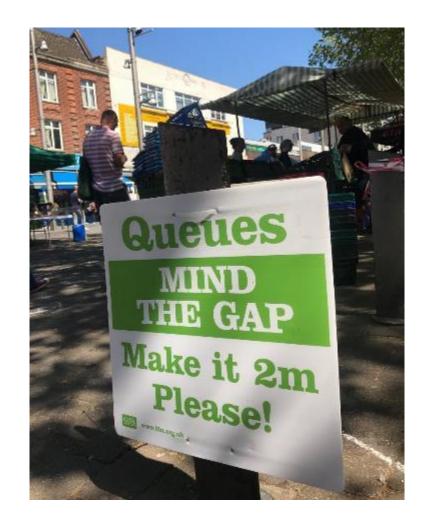




## Challenges and what next?

- The lockdown has exposed some fragility in supply chains
  - inadequate supplies because of backlog
  - o increased prices
- Fearful of the loss of income and funding => ability to pay staff/rent and impact post-lockdown
- Opportunity to strengthen local food systems
- Felt supermarkets were gaining too much power, and the government/local councils have been inadequate in offering support
- Help promote their businesses,
- Lobby London Food Board, Councils & Governments to support small/local food and strengthen supply chains and food access







#### Defending our food supply



credit: Pexels

Our farmers, fishers, food distributors, markets and local shops are essential parts of the national food infrastructure.

Supermarkets and big food supply chain companies have access to policy-makers and targeted support. Sustain is looking at ways to support smaller farmers, fishers and food producers and their diverse market outlets.

Sustain and our alliance members are currently working on the following areas during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic:

- Helping smaller farmers and food growers manage food distribution, access to market outlets and finding workers
- · Helping smaller fishers manage fish distribution and access to market outlets
- · Helping food markets stay open and operate safely
- Helping local retail bakeries stay open and operate safely
- Helping communities grow food

We have also complied information for supporting local supply chains online:

- A list of online marketplaces and shopfronts for consumers to support their local food businesses
- . Useful resources for producers and retailers moving their businesses online

#### Menu

#### Coronavirus Food Alert

Securing food for vulnerable people

Supporting the local response

#### Defending our food supply

Keeping farmers in business

Keeping fishers in business

Keeping food markets open

Keeping local bakeries open

Helping communities grow food

Supporting Local Food Online

Moving your local food organisation online

Funding and other support

Learning from other places

Planning for the future

Our statement on Covid-19

## Support our charity

Donate to enhance the health and welfare of people, animals and the planet.

Donate

CORONAVIRUS FOOD ALERT / DEFENDING OUR FOOD SUPPLY



## Moving your local food organisation online



Image by Ricarda Mölck on Pixabay

Many small food organisations have, or are looking to, move their trade online during the lockdown.

Sustain has curated a (non-exhaustive) list of existing web platforms that you may be able to sell your produce through. If you'd prefer to set up your own independent web shop or takeaway service, please scroll down to the next table.

If you are a retailer or producer organisation who has needs support or has adapted how you run your organistion during the lockdown, please complete our short survey.



## Impact of the pandemic and Adaptation



#### IMPACT

 B2B Event Catering company focusing on artisan food surplus - All events cancelled within 2 weeks - no revenue

## **ADAPTATION**

- Service of groceries & then ready-meals delivery with same suppliers
- Creation of an online platform using Jotform and then Shopify
- Deliveries on our cargo bike + help of Pedivan/Pedalme

## Success & Challenges

## SUCCESS

- · Team work: setting up menus, platforms & communication push
- Getting over 80 B2C orders within 2 weeks after the launch
- Retail products
- SEO & Online Presence

## CHALLENGES

- · Getting the supplies on time & Sourcing surplus ingredients
- Understanding our mistakes quickly
- · No pattern in consumers' orders Saw-tooth sales
- · Team vision Keep everyone motivated





## Long term plan?





## **EVENT INDUSTRY**

· Not likely to come back to normal before the end of the year

## REAL CHALLENGE IS NOW

- Grow customer base: Acquire new retail customers before all retail businesses re-open
- Keep developing 2 businesses: Catering & Retail products/deliveries
- · Train team (marketing, sales, logistics)

# Today Bread





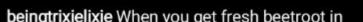
# AWESOME.WALES

# #ZEROWASTE COOKING IDEAS FROM ONE OF OUR FAVOURITE CUSTOMERS #BEETROOTLEAVES



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Little delivery from our local shop.

Thanks @awesomewalescic







# SUPPORTING FOOD BUSINESSES IN GREENWICH

MARKET
BUNDLES
from
ROYAL
ARSENAL
FARMERS'
MARKET

#### BREAKFAST AND BEYOND

- \*Raw honey with ginger from Nuts 4 Honey
- \*Jam from Campbell's Chutneys
- ·Sourdough from Luchio's Bread Obsession
- •Tea and coffee from Drury Coffee

#### MEDITERRANEAN

- \*Burek from Balkan Bakes
- Olives from Mar de Olivos
- Pasta, salami and crispbread from Copa Caccia
- \*Pasta sauce and a bottle of wine from Salento Food and Wine

#### PIMP UP YOUR DINNER

- \*Spice rub and jollof sauce from L and L Originals
- Curry paste from Pat and Pinky's
- ·Hot sauce from Baj's Blazin' Sauces
- Extra virgin olive oil from Mar de Olivos

#### BOOZE AND MORE

- •6 Gypsy Hill Craft Beers and 500ml Old Fashioned Cocktail from Bonnie & Rose Bar
- ·Wine from Salento Food and Wine
- \*Espresso Kombucha from Good Koffee
- Rhubarb and rosemary shrub from Wolfe's Shrubs





IF YOU'D LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GCDA'S INDEPENDENT FOOD BUSINESS NETWORK ROYAL ARSENAL FARMERS' MARKET **EMAIL** CHRISTINA@GCDA.ORG.UK

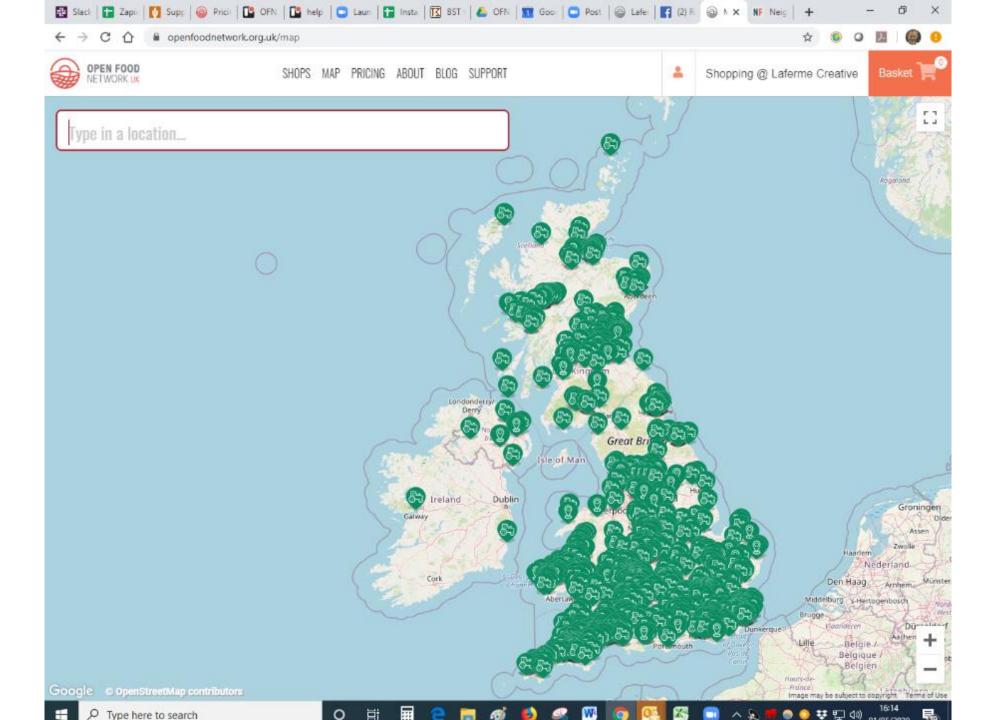
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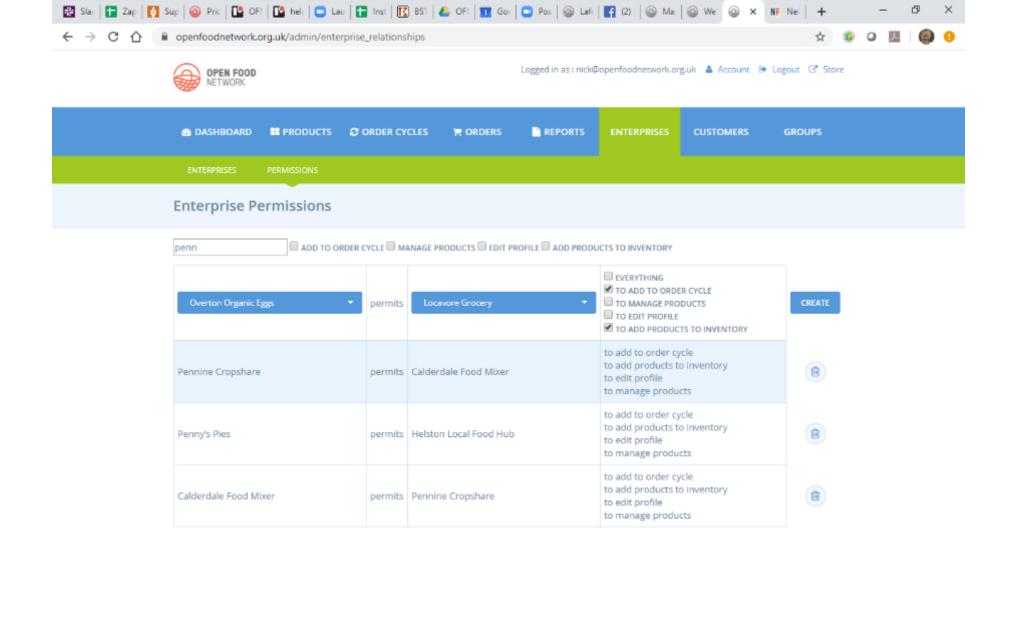


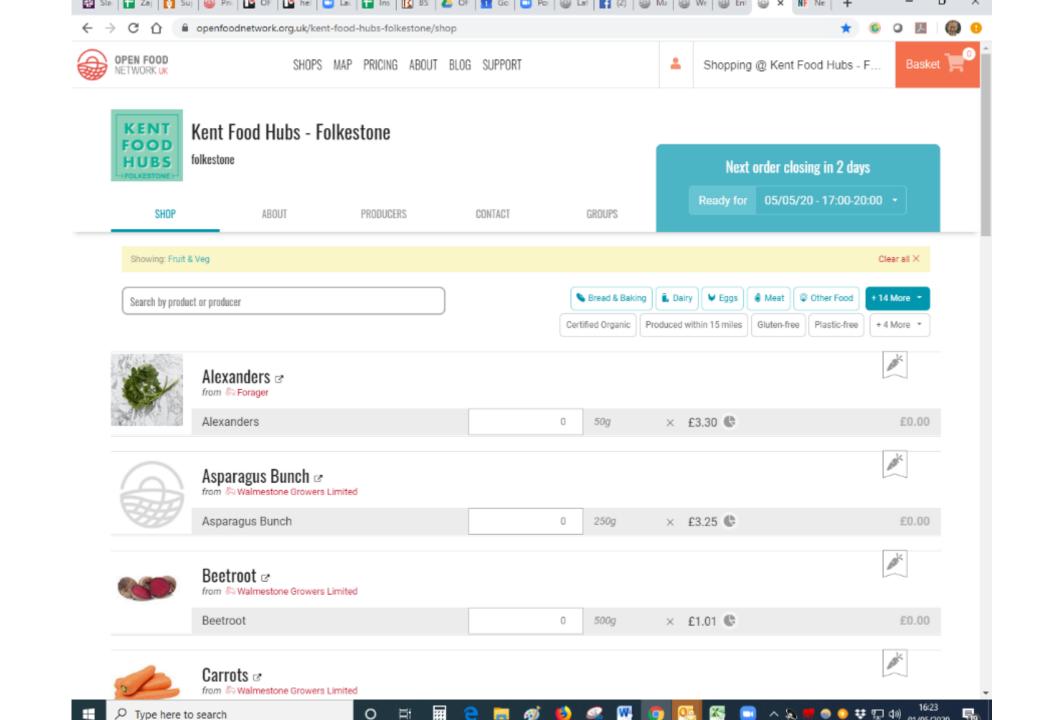












## Questions?





## Supporting Local Food Online

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Moving your local food organisation online

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Bread!

https://www.sustainweb.org/realbread/articles/mar20\_deliveries\_online\_shops/

Local food supply local experiences and sector guidance:

https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org/coronavirus/supporting food supply chain and diverse outlets/





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