

Facilitators Feedback:

General impressions:

Eva: the vibe of the meeting was lovely, the space was good, the pace was good, often feels uncomfortable in general meeting spaces. The way the space was held was informal and friendly and facilitated. Table: it was interesting, not a topic she would have chosen, it wasn't boring as she expected, the first round on what was happening was hopeful and exciting. Making connections and finding things that she didn't know about. Second rounds were good, but difficult to capture what was being said. Really interesting conversation, fascinating that it went from housing/ built environment to democracy and changing the economy in v little time. How to capture it, and feed it into a bigger whole? Within the time that there was, there wasn't time

Pippa: the environment felt it was very exciting, people from different places coming together, the discussion at our group was broad, which it needed to be, because it was new people meeting for the first time. Exciting to see what was already happening, got carried away with blue sky thinking, room for more practical steps, maybe this wasn't the space for it,
- the discussion moved away from just food sector, to other sectors- how to link it up?

Charlie: his group struggled with the vision. They could come up with stuff that was short-termist, but they needed a longer term process to really bottom out how to have a transformative space. Kept falling into the trap of who is who and who does what. Enjoyed the conversation, event felt super nice, the right start for this kind of thing. Needed to not be too heavy.

Brenna: overall impression, it was a lovely evening, felt light-touch, still had depth to the conversation, venue was great, pace was good, the grass market project spoke for too long, food perspective: make food vegetarian? The group was the smallest group, Bridie was there- only 4 of them, it did end up being quite a good in-depth conversation, the subject of wellbeing/ access to green spaces, people aren't grasping how central it is. Conversation got into quite deep themes around wellbeing/ poverty/ 20 minute neighbourhoods.

Next event: create something a bit longer, to have more cross-sharing, follow-on discussions.

How to take on the discussion further?

Eva: start from a fundamentally different place when we're thinking about change. We have to premise it with wellbeing, have that lead the process. Make the wellbeing aspect more conscious. Make space for people to share just as people who've turned up, how does it feel to be alive in these times. Space to drop our roles, there were people from fairly large organisations, rather than smaller groups. Get people there with their hearts, as a good atmosphere. Allows people to be there in a different way. Have a day and frame it around building a vision of how our city could change, not just what do we want it to look like, what's the long view and what are the small steps we can take. Give people a sense of they tie in. What kind of city do we need, bearing in mind where we are? Give a space to bottom out where we are, as time goes by it gets a little more desperate, something to build courage and ambition, because we

Brenna: an exercise to tap into what Eva was saying, allowing a space for people to drop into the heart, it did feel optimistic but so many feel like business as usual, they come in their roles, and we chats, but our approach just isn't working. Create a space where people can drop their roles, and drop into their hearts, which gets into wellbeing, a space for more authenticity, "how we do things is almost as important as what we do."

Pippa: other people who could have been there, who don't have an official role, how do we involve different communities. Some people felt they had to apologise for not being in a role.

Charlie: Eva and Pippa have picked up on something that's quite important, we need really in-depth conversation, a visioning exercise where we're trying to work out what we really want for the city, not necessarily council or gov but actually people saying what they want. We need to be able to have conversations in the communities, mostly the environmental movement but not all community groups, it's important to have time in those different parts of the city. The thing which he felt moving forward would be to have a couple of different (divergent ideas about what a hub should be)- having conversations about what a hub should look like, separate them out, see what

they come up with, come back together again, discuss the different ideas that people have had. City-wide conversations- a big round-table, 2030 visioning session, what do we want in the next seven years, for it to be a well-funded event. Often things are not well enough funded, the way to pull people in would be

Time:

People are willing to commit time if they think that what's being done is going to be meaningful. Working on getting round personally, to meeting groups they hope will come. In advance of that creating a clear vision and aspiration for the meeting. If we mean business, how do we see this happening. Frame it around an assembly? People are inspired because saying that this is a way to meaningful change. We really want to change this. Scale up the ambition and be clear in the messaging. If it's going to be a revolution, its worth committing one Saturday

Writing up the ideas:

Pippa: I think it would work, having a facility to enable taking connections further. Topics will come from what we've written down, make the links between the themes, enabling volunteering in different projects, could be enabled by public transport. Needs to come from everybody.

Eva: no need to set them up front, the framing of a new economy, didn't like it before, what would living in a city where everyone's needs are met look like? We need to talk about food, shelter and health. These are the key things, to protect the most vulnerable. They are the bedrock of our physical needs.

Brenna: brilliant suggestion, the thing that's coming out of it is the something about how we communicate a sense of urgency, inject a fresh post-pandemic energy. How do communicate urgency and energy in a productive way? What is stopping us? Is it being confident to take the next step, let's just do it and then people can make it change. When we have the events, let's make it a trial for hubs. Themes: 4 carbon reduction areas, advocacy, new economy, climate justice and socio-economic considerations,

Charlie: let's get good things going, agree with Brenna

Longevity of events- sometimes all day can be 10-2, 5 hours as opposed to 3, can be really well-subscribed. Offer resilience boost, something to

Call with Shivanka:

Topics discussed at her table:

- local newspapers,
- UBI
- Decarbonising education

General themes:

- wide variety of participants so everyone had a different perspective
- Discussion tended to divert from purely education
- People wanted to share personal experiences
- Frustration with the system and the bigger picture stuff which seems unescapable
- All expressed a process of wanting to change whole lifestyle when they first got into climate, then realising the bigger picture

Advice for future event:

- even if we start with wellbeing and connection, we always end up on action.