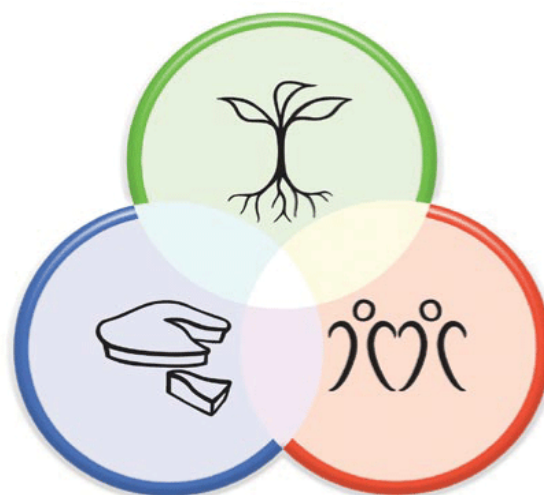


East of East Permaculture Co-operative

The future vision for East of East Permaculture Co-operative is to be a self sustaining community of people designing positive solutions to aid a transition to a low carbon world.

What we want to do (Aims)

1. Promotion of permaculture via educational courses in various locations in the East of East Anglia with a range of participants from total novices to experienced permaculture designers.
2. Resources and a website to inspire the learning journey of permaculturalists in the East of East Anglia.
3. Creation of a Permaculture Design Co-operative. Events and the promotion of permaculture over two years will skill up enough permaculturalists to form this co-operative. This co-operative community will provide a network of support and provide a Case Study in how to form a co-operative. We will seek advice on the most suitable governance structure for the Co-op. A workers co-operative with an educational and sustainability focus is planned which follows the permaculture ethics of earth care, people care and fair share represented in the below diagram.



This and subsequent images are collective commons from www.permacultureprinciples.com
Please see this website for an introduction to permaculture.

How we want to do it (Methodology)

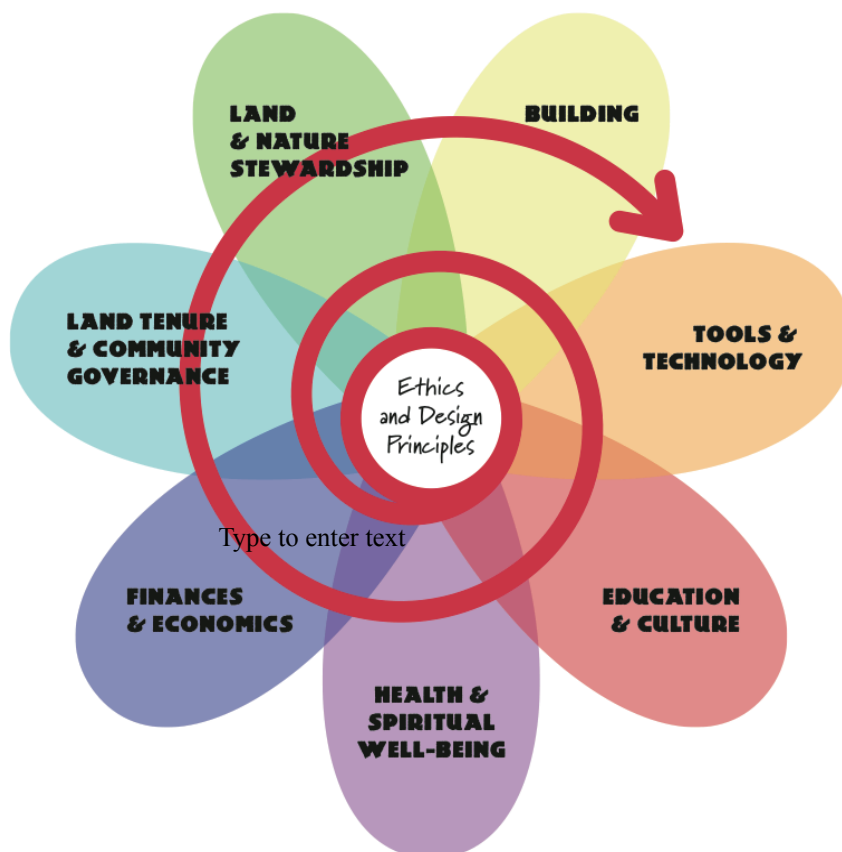
The application and administration of this proposal is by First Question East Cooperative Ltd. www.firstquestioneast.org.uk. We are a facilitation co-operative with 7 trainers in East Anglia which will administrate the project until the East of East Permaculture Co-operative is set up and can become self sustaining Expected in Year 2 of project.

- Timetable to our goal of forming a new co-operative, stages of growth (page 3)
- List of already interested people. (page 4)
- Guide to Permaculture. (page 5)

What we need to do it (Resources needed)

£13,040 is sought for a two year period to set up a network including website and resources, run facilitated events and set up a new co-operative.

- The main resource needed is people, which is why we need this period of capacity building.
- Costing sheet for detailed breakdown of costs. (pages 6 & 7)



Stages of Growth (Timetable)

East of England Permaculture Co-operative

2012

End March: Funding bids in.

Transforming Suffolk Community Fund

AONB Sustainability Fund

April: Meeting with First Question East Co-op and interested existing permaculturalists with news from funding bids.

May: Admin preparing events

July: Event 1

Sept: Event 2

Nov: Event 3

2013

Jan/ Feb: Year 1 evaluation meeting

Feb/ March: Funding applications for year 2.

March: Admin preparing events

April: Event 4

May: Constitution for new co-op

June: Event 5

July: gathering to plan for future of new co-op

August: Event 6

September: Launch of new coop

November: Evaluation of process and report writing.

List of Interested People

The geographical area ‘East of East Anglia’ that the co-operative will operate in is suitably vague. Our aim is to reduce the impact on the environment from excessive travel so we envisage people self limiting their involvement if they live too far away. We welcome all those who wish to join in but will support those outside this rough area to set up their own cooperatives.

First Question East Co-operative works mainly in Suffolk , Norfolk & Essex.

It is recognised that funding bids are often geographical by nature. The proposal understands this and will comply with conditions where required to.

I have kept the names initialed until the bid is public.

D	Waveney District	Suffolk
M	Tendring District	Essex
D	Suffolk Coastal	Suffolk
E	Ipswich Borough	Suffolk
J	Suffolk Coastal	Suffolk
N	Suffolk Coastal	Suffolk
K	Ipswich	Suffolk
C	Tendring	Essex
R	Waveney	Suffolk
M	Babergh	Suffolk

Guide to Permaculture

Permaculture is a set of values that will help society to respond to the challenges of climate change. The Ethics and principles (see www.permacultureprinciples.com) have led to the transition town movement, helped with the ideas behind organic gardening and self sufficiency.

One key feature of permaculture is that it helps us design systems that create this sustainable future. The East of East Permaculture Co-operative will train people and offer a consultancy to create this sustainable future.

The Permaculture Association Britain www.permaculture.org.uk (PAB) has a good introduction to basics of permaculture section.

The Basics

(www.permaculture.org.uk/knowledge-base/basics)

Permaculture combines three key aspects:

1. an ethical framework
2. understandings of how nature works, and
3. a design approach

This unique combination is then used to support the creation of sustainable, agriculturally productive, non-polluting and healthy settlements. In many places this means adapting our existing settlements. In other cases it can mean starting from scratch. Both offer interesting challenges and opportunities.

The word 'permaculture' comes from '**permanent** agriculture' and '**permanent** culture' - it is about living lightly on the planet, and making sure that we can sustain human activities for many generations to come, in harmony with nature. Permanence is not about everything staying the same. It's about stability, about deepening soils and cleaner water, thriving communities in self-reliant regions, biodiverse agriculture and social justice, peace and abundance.

Breakdown of Non Event Related Costs

Costs	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	TOTAL
Administrator costs of the Project @ £20 for 5 hours a month.	£1,200	1,200	£2,400
Website maintenance	£300	£300	£600
First Question East Coop 20% of REVENUE COSTS as a contribution to Core costs (20 % of £1,500 = £300)	£300	£300	£600
Website fees	£400	£100	£500
coop domain name	£100	£100	£200
Marketing in small magazines and at stalls	£200	£200	£400
Quarterly newsletter production and printing costs (£150 per issue)	£600	£600	£1,200
Affiliation Fees with Permaculture Association Britain	£100	£100	£200
Co-ops UK registration and related publicity	£200	£200	£400
Creation of New Co-operative Costs (to take place in year 2)	£100	£400	£500
Creation of Resource Library	£300	£300	£600
Small Personal Development Grants for external training (Max £50 for 10 people/ year)	£500	£500	£1,000
TOTAL NON EVENT RELATED COSTS	£4,300	£4,300	£8,600

Breakdown of Event Related Costs

EVENT Costs	YEAR 1 (3 events)	YEAR 2 (3 events)	TOTAL
Venue Hire (looking for free venues where possible)	£200	£200	£400
Tutors (fee and expenses max £400)	£1,200	£1,200	£2,400

EVENT Costs	YEAR 1 (3 events)	YEAR 2 (3 events)	TOTAL
Membership green travel expenses (20p mile cycling)	£100	£100	£200
Administration of Events 10 hours/ event x3 @ £20 hour	£600	£600	£1,200
First Question East Coop 20% of REVENUE COSTS as a contribution to Core costs (20 % of £600 = £120)	£120	£120	£240
TOTAL OF EVENT COSTS	£2,220	£2,220	£4,440
Cost per event £2,220 / 3 = £740			
TOTAL OF NON EVENT COSTS	£4,300	£4,300	£8,600
TOTAL COSTS	£6,520	£6,520	£13,040

Total Cost of 2 year project: £13,040

YEAR 1. (£6,520)

£5,000 Transforming Suffolk Community Fund

£1,480 AONB 2 events (£740 for each) in Suffolk Coast & Dedham Vale

£40 Memberships fees @ £20/ person for two years (rest to help fund year 2)

YEAR 2 (£6,520)

£2,000 Cooperative Membership Fund

£400 Membership fees (22 members over the 2 years, 2 members included in year 1)

£500 Revenue from Events & percentage of any consultancy fees received.

PRIORITY IS THE SET UP COSTS AND COVERING ADMINISTRATION TIME TO ENSURE THE NEW COOP ESTABLISHES.

£3,620 Still sought

Reduced funding will lead to the dropping of 2 events (£1,480) green travel expenses (£200), small personal development grants (£1,000) and resources library creation (£600). Some In kind administration from First Question East Coop could cover the remaining £340 shortfall.