

Eastern Gathering 2013 Proposal

East Anglian Permaculture Gathering 2013

July 19-21st. Ringsfield Hall Eco Centre, Beccles, Suffolk

or Farmer Paul's Field at Date in June tbc

3 miles from Beccles Train station, this rural centre has 50 beds and regularly hosts groups. With additional camping and a warren of interesting outdoor areas the venue can look after a gathering with minimal additional infrastructure. A permaculture plan of the site was created by Thomas Ramirez in the past and a legacy of the event would (could) be to re design certain areas or the whole site. There are interesting local visits that could also be arranged.

Or a well used festival field with some facilities like water, compost loos etc. Farmer intersted in having permaculture audit and designs. Not easy by public transport.

Theme: 30 years of Permaculture in the East. We aim to contact those people in the area who have developed permaculture in the past. Possibly film them if they can't come to the gathering.

What we need from the Association:

Thanks for the templates which already useful. We would like advice on the following:

- booking the event via your website, can membership to PCA be included?
- Insurance? There is venue insurance, but just in case, via you?
- Website: a page off your site?
- List of members from the past 30 years or at least some contacts from your memories.
- Things to sell like books from the office.
- A member of staff to show Eastern people.
- Any useful kit
- Help to pay the initial outlay. To be recovered from the payments made. Spreadsheet to follow. £1-2,000 would be good.

Functions of the Event:

- celebrate 30 years of permaculture in the East
- to have some fun : -)
- to create or strengthen links between permaculture practitioners in the eastern region (defined as Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire)
- Support Current people/ Projects/ local Community
- Income to pass onto other projects
- Family Friendly

Costings:

- Venue was offered at £40 per bed (50 beds) = £2,000. Additional 50 campers permitted tbc

Or on field: £2/person/night Thursday to Sunday 3 nights 100people = £600 plus £400 for extras like marques and facilities.

- Food, caterers to be investigated. Idea of a feast of our own produce on the Saturday. PCS guidelines: (£2 brekkie, £5 lunch and £7 dinner = £28) Im sure this can be reduced. Leaves a maximum of £2800 if 100 people.

Or on Field: Outdoor catering equipment needed.

- Infrastructure, possible additional tents? Keen to respect fairshares but £200 max we expect delegates to provide some additional structures.
- Entertainment would be sought locally. Keen to respect fairshares but £300 max. Should be provided by delegates.
- Permaculture Association Membership. Separate costing.
- Legal, Insurance (site has 5million liability) , Website, Booking Costs – Can PCA help here?
- Contingency?
- Surplus to create a seed fund/ pay for delegate to international conference.
- Course Tutors if introduction course Friday day time?

Cost to Delegates worked out in budget folder but summary below:

Initial ideas are £62 minimum adult delegate rate, £37 child.

Extras:

- £22.50 for bed for duration,
- permaculture membership needed to book.
- £20 cash surplus if not car sharing.

Revised pricing Adults £60-£100 sliding, Day tickets optional

Child £20 10-18 and free under 10.

PCA membership help with insurance?

Car fee applies if arrive on own, 2 in car = free. Transport coordinator to assist on day.

Roles:

(2 people to share each role, Dano has just guessed if ? by name)

Coordination: Dano and Debbie

Admin, contact lists:

Bed Planning:

Funds/ Legal:

Kids Area: Marina and Brenna

Catering: Eloise? and Claire?

Workshops: Rosie? and Debbie

Entertainment/ Show: Tierney's Mate James and Gail (works at Ringhall) and Kiss the Mistress

(Dans Friend Jon) and Bob Mayhew? and

Website/ Communications: James? And

Marketing/

Posters: Brenna and

Documenting/ Film/ Photo: Dano (film) and

Transport

Introduction Day? Nigel and

Crew co-ordination:

Horticultural show organising:

Showcasing right livelihood, bring things to sell to each other, Market stall:

Coordinating with academics in area:

First Aid/ Healing: Dave Jackson (Cambs) and

Aim: Organise a gathering.

Methods: Dan and Debbie take ideas to core group on October 5th.

Core Group to send out agreed updates to the wider group of permies.

5th October at Bob's in Wivenhoe, Essex:

Present: Dano (N. Suffolk), Rosie (E. Essex) , Marina (N.Essex) , Bob (E.Essex) , Debbie (Roving).

Apologies: Havedha (Norfolk), David (N.E. Suffolk), Claire (S. Essex), Brenna (S. Norfolk), James (S. Essex)

NEXT MEETING

November 25th to check their permaculture design. See what infrastructure in place. Dan to check.

OTHER JOBS

POW WOW explored as communication method: Marina

Initial press release : Debbie

Resources needed:

Dates, project management timescales

What help we need.

Timeframes for that help

Contacts in PCA to liaise with.

Physical stuff?

Structures?

EVENT VISION – from 5th October meeting

name: fayre, festival , convergence, gathering.

Wanted: wacky workshops, seeing people (reduce tendency for permcultural isolation), plenty of fantastic food, entertainment (celidh), learning things not found elsewhere, venue to reflect permaculture principles, the WOW factor, explanation sheet of the venue, lots of blackboards, romances,

WACKY IDEAS – from 5th October

Horticultural show e.g. largest gooseberry, Urine testing, Molly dancing, knitting, rude and ugly veg.

WHAT IS EAST ANGLIA – from 5th October

light, sky, coast, edge, rivers, sunny, flat, ley lines, spread out networks, pagen

Questions For Venue:

- If use 30 beds do we have to still pay for 50?
- Alcohol, Home made, Locally made e.g. St. Peter's Brewery. Licence needed? Speak to the site.
- Site has 5 million public liability
- Any discounts? Concessionary rate as we are lovely. Perhaps if a success then we pay full amount. Or reduce amount by the cost of Ringsfield Hall Staff attending.

Other questions:

- Medley productions?
- Ask design course facilitators to do workshops to promote their scene.