



SOUTH EAST ESSEX ORGANIC GARDENERS

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<http://seeog.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/43705483846/>

SEEOG was formed in 1994, to promote the principles of organic gardening by:

- Composting organic waste
- Protecting wildlife
- Reducing pollution
- Encouraging species diversity

Membership is currently £8.00 per annum, £12.00 family.

Is your local school a member of SEEOG? If not, we offer free membership on receipt of application form!

Peter Melchett: A true campaigner

<https://www.soilassociation.org/news/2018/august/31/peter-melchett-a-true-campaigner/>

'Lovely weather here too – Spring! We are ploughing our last field today, drilling beans and wheat starts soon!' (11 March 2017)

Venue, notes etc.

Our Graham (Graham Oster-Ritter) has very sadly decided to resign as Membership Secretary due to ill-health. He was one of the first people to join SEEOG, but he's not only been our Membership Secretary, ensuring that our membership list is kept accurate and up-to-date; he's also been responsible for printing our newsletters, posters and leaflets and attending Group Night, Potato Day and committee meetings.

Please use the entrance in Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 9AG (corner of Fairfax Drive and Prittlewell Chase). Our speakers start at 20:00 sharp, but Growing Together is open from 19:00 to prepare the room, etc. **On a practical note, we need some good, gardening related raffle prizes, please!**

Please notify Carole if you wish to receive your newsletter by post/email, or change your email address: caroleshorney@hotmail.com

For future reference, our newsletter copy 'deadlines' for 2018 are as follows:

November - Wednesday 24 October

SEEOG GROUP NIGHTS/EVENTS/VISITS 2018

Please make a note of all these dates, to avoid disappointment later on.

Monday 17 September: Group Night with SEEOG member Philip Fawcett

This year is 50 years since Philip left school and started his gardening career. He will try to give some insight into how he started, what happened in the last 50 years and what comes next.

Monday 19 November: Group Night with Seed Co-operative, the UK's community owned Seed Company

<https://www.seedcooperative.org.uk/>

SEEOG GROUP NIGHTS/EVENTS/VISITS 2019

Monday 21 January: Spencer Christy's update on the Lauriston Social Farming Initiative
Saturday 23 February: Potato Day
Monday 18 March: "Gozo Growing: organic gardening on a Maltese island"
Monday 20 May: Natasha Dillow, Fairshare
Monday 15 July: Crape Fruit Farm (weather related)
Monday 16 September: No-dig aka Charles Dowding (discussion-led by Darren Lerigo)
Monday 18 November: Update on Southend in Transition Community Allotment

OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 4 September: Trust Links are running another Grow it Cook it Eat it course for Castle Point and Rochford residents. This 12 week course starts on Tuesday 4 September and is based at their Growing Together sites in Rochford and Thundersley. Spaces are limited so please call 01702 213134 or email projects@trustlinks.org for more information, or to book your place.

Saturday 22 September: Walking Together Sponsored Walk from Growing Together Shoeburyness to Growing Together Westcliff. It is a lovely 6-mile walk along the seafront and up the High Street. Those that are less able can join them from Southend Victoria station. Every penny raised will support Trust Links to help more people with mental health issues in South East Essex. Register today! http://www.trustlinks.org/events_163_Walking-Together-2018

Saturday 6 October, 11:00 – 14:00: Apple Day at St Laurence Orchard, Eastwood

St Laurence Orchard, Eastwoodbury Lane (opposite St Laurence Park), Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6UY – **we shall need some apples, if you have any to spare this year – for the SEEQG stall. Please let us know if you have any, or whether you want us to pick and collect?**

Free family event – open to all!

Come celebrate the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness at our annual Apple Day at historic St Laurence Orchard.

Apple tasting and pressing, orchard tours, apple peeling contest, apples and plants for sale, homemade cakes and apple treats, local groups (including SEEQG), live music, children's arts and crafts, hot dogs and refreshments, raffle.

Wednesday 17 October, 14:30: AGM at Growing Together Rochford, 34 Rocheway, Rochford, SS4 1DQ

NEWS

Allotment news: The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its provision regarding allotments

We are grateful to CPRE Planning for the information below:

Generally, the NPPF and its provision regarding allotments are limited. Allotments are mentioned only twice within the new NPPF and these policies are quite vague and general.

8. Promoting healthy and safe communities

91. Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which: (...)

c) enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.

Para 91(c) can be understood as, if a council has identified a need for allotments (presumably as part of an open spaces and recreation needs study informing their local plan) then they can either identify land for use as allotments in the local plan or require developers to provide allotments on suitable sites through section 106 agreements as part of the open space requirements through their local plan policy.

Of course if the council has land available in its ownership that could be used for allotments, it can just make them into allotments without worrying about the local plan at all.

Proposals affecting the Green Belt

145. A local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in the Green Belt. Exceptions to this are: (...)

b) the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation, cemeteries and burial grounds and allotments; as long as the facilities preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it;

In addition para 145 is helpful in that it specifies that allotments (and some associated structures) are appropriate development in the Green Belt. It is possible for a landowner to make a reasonable amount of rent from allotments, so this can potentially be a benefit since other developments would not normally be allowed.

As you can see, 100% clear requirements for the provision of allotments within the local plan or for certain development proposals are not included. Therefore, at the moment policies dealing with existing allotments and regarding the provision for within the local plan might be different and depending on the individual districts. Presumably, also the implementation of policies dealing with allotments in future local plans will vary from district to district, particularly due to the quite general policies within the NPPF.

Besides local plans also neighbourhood plans could include policies for allotments. E.g. if a need for additional allotments exists within the neighbourhood area, the neighbourhood planning group may consider to implement policies dealing with this matter.

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Crapes Fruit Farm: Apple picking begins Slowly

Slowly our Discovery is becoming sweeter and less hard towards the core (which is the last area to ripen). August rains have been most helpful for both the fruit and our vegetables. The lower temperatures, particularly overnight, are helping to enhance the colour of the apples. Seeing is a bit deceiving just now as, when I have sampled various varieties which are often approaching readiness at this end of August, there is a distinct distastefulness indicating that the ripening season is slowing down and that some patience is needed.

Our Quince has definitely responded to some dampness, their fluffy forms showing beneath the leaves. These can be expected around the end of September.

Culinary apple varieties are obviously in very short supply here this season. As for the Ribston Pippin, the 14th September - being a usual date to pick these - falls on a Friday. At the moment, I have a hunch they will be staying on their trees until Monday 17th.

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<https://crapes.wordpress.com/>

Farmers' Markets 2018

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council's Farmers' Market at Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, 3rd Friday of the month from 09:00 to 13:00, apart from December (08:30)

Friday 21 September; Friday 19 October; Friday 16 November; December market – date TBC

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1818935024986153/>

Rochford at the WI Hall, West Street, 1st Saturday of the month from 09:30 to 12:00

Saturday 1 September; Saturday 6 October; Saturday 3 November; Saturday 1 December

<https://www.facebook.com/rochfordfarmersmarket>

Friends of Ryton Organic Gardens

The Friends of Ryton Organic Gardens has been established to explore how the gardens can be safeguarded for the future in partnership with whoever owns the site and other organisations which are interested. They invite everyone

who loves the gardens to get involved. Please join their Facebook group and like their page to keep in touch with them.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617697861918951/>

In case anyone still throws the cover sheet from the magazines away and doesn't look on the back (folly, folly) here is the latest lack of news from HQ, 'Our work in 2017'. Also note the general hint of a drift towards the metropolis.

Platitudes and deafness are in depressing concert. It's very important that you do email them with your views, whether you use the address in the clip or email the Chair or the CEO, because they do claim that not many people have bothered; therefore not many people are interested.

questions@gardenorganic.org.uk

Garden Organic news

1) GO HQ appeared on BBC Gardeners World at 8pm on BBC Two (Thursday 30 August). The show included a feature on Seed Guardian Adam Alexander and his role preserving heritage veg through the Heritage Seed Library. Viewers were able to share in Adam's passion of saving seeds, and have a glimpse of his productive growing area.

Adam is one of over 100 volunteer Seed Guardians who play a vital role within the Heritage Seed Library. Seed Guardians take specific varieties from the HSL collection (known as orphan seeds) and grow them within their own gardens and allotments with the aim of returning large quantities of seed back to the HSL seed store. At their base at Ryton Organic Gardens, the Heritage Seed Library keeps a stock of rare heirloom and heritage varieties to protect them from being lost forever, and also makes a selection available to HSL members each year through an annual seed list.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bhnkd9>

2) Re the Brexit technical notices, GO were hoping there would be a joint statement from the English Organic Forum but that's not looking likely at the moment. The main area of concern within the technical notices is around the organic marks - the potential gap before their recognised marks (Soil Association and Organic Farmers and Grower predominantly) can be used and the question over UK suppliers using the EU Ecoleaf. As this relates to commercial marketing of organic products it's a little beyond GO's remit, but more within the Soil Association's area of expertise. The Soil Association has published a response, which GO fully support:

<https://www.soilassociation.org/news/2018/august/23/brexit-technical-notice-offer-no-further-clarity-to-food-and-farming-businesses/>

GM news: Monsanto loses another court case over glyphosate weedkiller

The State Supreme Court rejected a challenge by Monsanto Co. on Wednesday to California's decision to list the main ingredient in its Roundup herbicide as a cause of cancer, the same chemical that a San Francisco jury found responsible for a former school groundskeeper's cancer in a \$289 million verdict (last week). The justices denied Monsanto's request for a review of a lower-court ruling that upheld the state's authority to add the herbicide glyphosate to its Proposition 65 list of carcinogens.

<https://www.gmwatch.org/en/news/latest-news/18411>

Hadleigh will continue to bloom thanks to community response

The Salvation Army's Hadleigh Training Centre has partnered with the Hadleigh Community Group to water hanging baskets installed in the High Street following a fundraising campaign earlier this year. Trainees from the Build and Grow department at Hadleigh Training Centre water the hanging baskets every Tuesday using a specially designed tank, kindly refilled free of charge along the route by a number of local businesses. The twelve week programme will see the trainees water the plants through to September and help make sure Hadleigh stays in bloom.

Alongside the vocational skills trainees develop through watering the hanging baskets, they are also able to contribute to the local community and always attract plenty of attention from friendly locals who enjoy stopping to chat with the trainees and learn more about what they're doing.

Trainees enrolled at Hadleigh Training Centre have additional support needs and barriers to learning and employment. This project allows them to see how skills they learn can be used outside of Hadleigh Training Centre and in real working environments.

The Build and Grow department specialises in horticulture and construction. Trainees learn skills including growing plants, fruit and vegetables and garden maintenance as well as woodwork skills, including how to use tools safely and assembling garden furniture. These tasks are designed to develop trainees' transferable life skills for either employment opportunities or leisure activities and hobbies outside of the Training

Centre. As trainees identify activities they enjoy, and skills they want to develop, tutors are able to shape personalised training programmes around the interests and goals of each individual.

The Hadleigh Community Group was founded to improve the general appearance of Hadleigh Town Centre. They hold fundraising activities throughout the year and work with both corporate and local service providers and organisations to promote the town.

For more information about the training and partnership opportunities offered at Hadleigh Training Centre, phone 01702 426260 or email htcadmin@salvationarmy.org.uk

Lauriston Farm AGM and Vision Day

1) The Society's first AGM is set for Sunday 16 September, 09:00, at Lauriston Farm, Lauriston Farm Chase, Goldhanger, Essex CM9 8AH. They encourage as many people as possible to attend as they develop a joint vision of the Society.

A soup and salad lunch will be provided by the farm. Please bring and share puddings, cake, biscuits, snacks or other edible refreshments and confirm your attendance.

Email: socialfarming@lauristonfarm.co.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)1621 788348

As they will be spending some of the day outside, please wear appropriate clothing/footwear. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact them. For more information, please contact the farm:

enquiries@lauristonfarm.co.uk; 01621 788348; <http://www.lauristonfarm.co.uk/>

2) Spencer is also wondering if there is an appetite for their biodynamic beef and lamb (all frozen) within SEEOG? If there is enough interest (perhaps £100 of orders?), he is happy to bring down orders on the evening we meet for our talk and perhaps stay for the talk as well. You can contact them by email or telephone (01621 788348) to order – we did circulate Spencer's Demeter Certified Beef and Lamb Price List last month, but can easily re-send.

Members' contributions

1) TA'BARDA fields-Marsalforn

When pumpkins are mature the farmers can either sell them straight away or store them on rooftops until they get a better price.....Such pumpkins store very well like this.....in this case, though, my friend the farmer from Xaghra store them in this way for use at a later date by the family. This photo was taken on 4 August.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1684970045072009/permalink/2246079325627742/>

2) Darren Lerigo, a topiary designer and founder of Modern Mint, talks through the techniques used to make the perfect garden. This came out the other week, although cutting topiary is much sweatier and harder on your back than the pictures suggest!

<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2018/jul/24/cutting-hedge-technology-topiary-darren-lerigo-in-pictures>

3) EU's top court confirms safety checks needed for new 'GMO 2.0', by Friends of the Earth Malta

In a landmark ruling, the European Court of Justice confirmed that new techniques to modify genetic material in plant or animal cells – so called 'GMO 2.0' – must undergo the same safety checks for their impacts on the environment and human health as existing genetically modified foods (GMOs). Friends of the Earth Malta believe that these new 'GMO 2.0' genetic engineering techniques must be fully tested before they are let out in the countryside and into our food. We welcome this landmark ruling which defeats the biotech industry's latest attempt to push unwanted genetically-modified products onto our fields and plates.

The biotech industry has been arguing that GMO 2.0 foods and crops should not go through existing EU safety and labelling laws. (Today's) decision therefore preserves the EU's food safety and traceability standards, which would have been threatened by any ambiguity in the ruling.

EU and national lawmakers now need to ensure that all new genetically modified products are fully tested, and they must also support the small-scale, nature-friendly agriculture we urgently need.

<https://foemalta.org/fab/agri/gmo-2-0-eu-decision/>

4) The farmer who's beating pests, the natural way. He uses as little pesticides as possible.

Farmers have adapted their cultivation and pruning methods, relying more on local wild flora and only using pesticides as a last resort, according to young farmer John Gauci.

Times of Malta, Sunday August 5

5) We are well into another Maltese summer, with daytime temperatures regularly in the low 30's. Spring seems like a lifetime away and it hasn't rained since I don't know when. The fields have that parched, burnt out look to them and the only green to be seen is from those tough plant survivors – Prickly Pear, Carob, Olives, Fennel, Pomegranate, Naspli (loquat), Plum and Almond trees along with shrubs like Wolfbane and Tamarisk.

The wild asparagus is also still putting in an appearance round our plot and the surrounding fields are full of fennel. (There's a nice blog post about this important nectar-rich plant and food source for Maltese Swallowtail butterfly caterpillars here).

You can read on at <http://seeog.org.uk/2018/08/gozo-growing-8-the-heat-is-on/>

6) What are we eating? Where does it come from? Why does that make sense? In a new series, Charlotte Smith explores the global networks that supply us with food and asks why they have become so complex. Charlotte visits a Kent grape importer and finds out how many countries and how many varieties it takes to meet our demand for year-round grapes. She visits Wageningen University in the Netherlands to look at the technology that makes global food value chains possible. And with commentators and leading figures in research, she discusses the risks that complicated networks can create, and how food can be produced in a sustainable way for an ever growing global population.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09r4gnc#play>

7) Kulvinder talked about Northbury Primary School, Barking, one year on from the mindless arson attack by two men that destroyed their entire resources shed for their garden project. We supported them in their recovery.

Why a school garden? For growing, aesthetics, peace, chat, social, in a special space and involves every child. The hiring of Tom the gardener is an expense but a necessary for continuity, preparing and the skills for the project, a familiar of the garden for children and parents. The area is high rise, allotment waiting lists and often only a windowsill to grow on. Beyond helping understanding about food and growing for all -parents and children. In March every child takes one tomato home, but the school would support its growing if needed. They also grow quick germination herbs and vegetables.

The garden has a pond and composting area, so has wider habitats, and these are within the curriculum area. There is great motivation from the children; the Tuesday market has parents coming in to buy and taste and fruit is ordered from Smithfield. Clean plate stickers and weighing waste; there are hot bins to take this. They had chickens too but more vandalism saw the six eventually dead; someone opened the coop. They have discovered resilience, and hatched more last February, so back to normal and growing again and children are involved.

This all happens because there is commitment and resourcing from the school that built an interface with parents and community. What was interesting is that children take a lead to enable change in habits in food as in recycling within home, school and community.

8) Global Civic Group, Avaaz, “commanded” to turn over all communications to Monsanto in sweeping subpoena.

Avaaz have been hit with a 168-page court subpoena from Monsanto. They have only days until they're in court, and Monsanto "command" them to hand over every private email, note, or record they have on Monsanto's chief poison - including the names and email addresses of hundreds of staff, activists, farmers and other allies!! The subpoena indicates that Monsanto needs all Avaaz's private information to fight class-action lawsuits against them claiming that their glyphosate caused people's cancer. If that seems absurd to you, you're not alone. But they've got the authority of a US court behind them, and Avaaz urgently need the best lawyers behind them. Donate to help defend Avaaz, and let's send a message of defiance to Monsanto.

https://avaaz.org/act/media.php?press_id=872

9) The Food Programme: Seeds: a 400-million-year-old food story (Radio 4): seed banking and ancient local cereal strains can be relocated back to help develop local resilience and with local bakeries secure the micro nutrients and fibre that are seemingly so important for good health.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bgblcg>

With grateful thanks to Ron, Darren and Simon

Pesticide Action Network UK news

As to the London workshop, it went really well and they had 21 councils represented (of 32 in total) and 11 other stakeholder organisations attend. Lambeth and Richmond are poised to go pesticide-free and they had a very near miss in Barnet, where the vote went along party political lines rather than on the issue itself unfortunately, as you will see in the write up in the newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/62926bdeb38b/august-update-from-pesticide-free-towns>

The big news is the verdict from California on the Dwayne Johnson case.

https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/aug/10/monsanto-trial-cancer-dewayne-johnson-ruling?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

Let's hope it sets a precedent and brings the issue more into public awareness and on into action.

Pesticide Action Network North America: A landmark victory: Monsanto, Roundup & cancer

Last month, a jury found the Monsanto corporation (recently merged with Bayer) fully liable for health damages caused by its herbicide, Roundup, in a historic ruling in the San Francisco Superior Court. The plaintiff, DeWayne Johnson, was awarded \$289 million in damages. This victory is a landmark moment. It signals the beginning of real change - a loosening of the grip that corporations have held over food and farming for far too long.

In 2015, the World Health Organization determined that glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's flagship herbicide Roundup, is a "probable human carcinogen." But upon the announcement, Monsanto immediately waged an all-out war to discredit and undermine science, researchers and their findings.

This wasn't a new strategy, as Monsanto has been working to control what scientists say about glyphosate for decades. They've promised funds to universities when studies confirmed safety of their products, arranged trips and speaking tours for supportive scientists, cultivated relationships within EPA and convinced scientists to ignore findings, and even ghostwrote "independent" studies verifying the chemical's safety.

However, all the money and influence Monsanto has been pushing was for naught when the jury made a connection between the corporation and DeWayne Johnson's non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. This ruling sets a powerful precedent for the 4,000+ other legal cases against Monsanto that are set to move forward in the coming months.

<http://www.panna.org/blog/landmark-victory-monsanto-roundup-cancer>

SEEOG library

Any book may be borrowed by members at a cost of 20p per book for each 2-month period. We would very much like to hear from anyone who could take out a few of the books from the cupboard and set them out on Group Night. Our Library needs to be used more!

SEEOG website

'Trending' at the moment:

1. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and its provision regarding allotments
 2. Open Days
 3. Cutting hedge technology: topiary – in pictures
 4. Gozo Growing: The Heat Is On...with some lovely photos taken on his plot in Gozo and during his short visit to Southend-on-Sea.
 5. Potato Day varieties
- <http://seeog.org.uk/>

Soil Association's response to Brexit technical notices (23 August)

The government has today published a series of 'technical notices' outlining potential scenarios in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit. Brexit presents an unprecedented challenge to the food and farming sector, with the risks and uncertainty already affecting businesses.

Chris Atkinson, Soil Association head of standards said; "Frictionless trade with the EU is critically important for the food and farming sector. It's vitally important the UK remains in the customs union and stays aligned with EU standards on food and environment as a minimum. A no deal Brexit is the worst possible scenario. The technical notices published today (23 August 2018) offer no further clarity to businesses and provide neither reassurance nor advice on how to prepare for a potential 'no deal' scenario. They confirm the scale of the challenge we face and the vital importance that the UK achieves a workable deal with the EU."

Chris continued; "The information outlined raises concerns that imports and exports to and from the EU may be held up for months. The critical issue of continuing recognition by the EU of the organic status of products certified in the UK is left entirely unresolved by this paper and a similar document that was issued by the EU some months ago. We are also concerned that a new UK-owned imports traceability system to replace the current EU system would need to be in place by 29 March 2019. In our view this is an unrealistic goal within the time frame. Delays could significantly hinder trade.

"The EU is the UK's closest, largest and most important trading partner, therefore ensuring effective trade with the EU should be the immediate priority over trade deals with other countries. Such deals pose potential risks, particularly to UK food and farming, partly due to the risks of allowing food of lower production standards to enter the UK. Irrespective of what form Brexit eventually takes, there is serious concern that UK farming will also lose the ring-fenced budget for farm payments that all other EU countries will continue to enjoy."

<https://www.soilassociation.org/news/2018/august/23/brexit-technical-notice-offer-no-further-clarity-to-food-and-farming-businesses/>

Southend in Transition Community Allotment: Not made from sugar by Kamil Pachalko

Fourteen volunteers from NatWest and our regulars visited the plot (last Thursday) for some community action! We watched the met office forecast from the beginning of the week and were hoping for some conducive weather. I was worried the rain might put everyone off but Chloe and her team were ready to try anyway. The day before, I got some tarps for the sitting area just in case. Trust Links kindly lent us airpots so we could have plenty of hot drinks.

On the day, the team arrived in full attire. Everyone was keen to start the work and we assigned jobs. Thanks to Sarah and Duncan for helping with organising the teams and sorting tools. This was certainly the most busy work-wise we have been so far. All the donated tools came in really handy. Thank you!

We started work on clearing the wood from the family plot, clearing orchard area, clearing the new corner we were given, bagging up compost, making a compost sieve and additional poles for the tarp. We will have lots of compost for the raised beds and the plots look much better now.

The rain got worse over time and we gave out the coats we had. The volunteers did not seem at all slowed in their work and just laughed it off for most of the morning.

2.5 hours into the work day the rain soaked everyone through and we suggested calling it a day with people to grab lunch. You could see that they wanted to stay more if it wasn't for people getting soaked and cold by then. We did not feel disappointed though as the progress made has been great and the team were full of characters. We had lots of laughs and exchanged ideas.

Chloe hopes to come back again next year. In the meantime if your group, business or workplace wants a great active day out, get in touch with us.

"Kamil Pachalko" <kamilpac@gmail.com>

You can check for updates on their taster days at <https://sitcommunityallotment.wordpress.com/>

Sustain Brexit Forum, autumn 2018 - save the date(s)

Sustain are planning a Sustain Brexit Forum - Delivering the Goods: What do we need to know and do? They've got the possibility of an exciting London venue, but not yet fully confirmed. Sustain members and associates, pencil Monday 15th October 2018 in your diary and they'll send more details shortly via the Sustain Brexit Forum news email list. It will be less than six months until Brexit Day, so an important moment to take stock. They will share updates across the range of Brexit activities and Sustain alliance concerns - especially relating to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Trade Bills - as well as the latest on 'deal' or 'no deal' scenarios; priorities for action; and to strategise together for the coming period. More anon...

https://www.sustainweb.org/news/jul18_save_the_dates_sustain_brexit_forum/

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