

## SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND DRINK GROUP (SFADG) update – April 2024

CFBoA guest speaker event

### 'FAIRNESS FOR FOOD (FARMING, NATURE, CLIMATE AND HEALTH)'

Free online (Zoom) meeting – for more information and to reserve a place go to Eventbrite [here](#)

Date: Wed 24th April

Time: 7- 8.30pm



Whatever our preferences, our choices when buying food and drink are important. How can we be clearer that the food we choose is both nutritious and produced in an environmentally and nature friendly way?



Clearer food labelling, and fairness in the food supply chain here and abroad, have been much in the news recently. Defra announced a public **Consultation on Food Labelling** ([here](#)), which **closes on Tues 7th May**, to give us the opportunity to have our say on what we want to know about the food we eat.

We are delighted that the following speakers have agreed to help us consider the issues:

**Fidelity Weston**, Chair of [CLEAR](#)

**Guy Singh-Watson**, Founder of [Riverford Organics](#)

**Dr Lucy McCarthy**, Sen Lecturer, Bristol University. See [Inclusive Food](#) and a recent article in the Ecologist - 'Changing the Path of our Food' ([here](#)).

**Helen Taylor** (see [here](#)) will chair the meeting.

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**SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE ON SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT IS EMERGING** which explains the important role of farmyard manure and mixed farming. Understanding is developing into interactions between carbon, nitrogen and oxygen and how healthy farmland soils can sequester carbon, improve crop health whilst reducing the need for agrichemicals, improve soil structure, reduce flooding and more. Rothamsted Research, Hertfordshire, has the longest running soil trials in the world and part of their research farmland is in Somerset. Read more [here](#) (Farmers Weekly April 2024). Also, you can listen here to Rothamsted soil microbiologist, Prof Andy Neal, explain [What happens when you switch farmland from livestock to crops?](#) (You-tube video - 3.23mins).

### GREEN MAN FESTIVAL May 11<sup>th</sup>

There will be a shared SFADG/ Biodiversity Group stand at this popular BoA event. Jonathan Francis from Avonleigh Orchards will be joining us with a display on his farm and market garden. Do come and see our display and chat to us. If you can spare an hour or two to help on the stand and give out handouts, do get in touch through [climatechampions@gmail.com](mailto:climatechampions@gmail.com).

'GOOD TO GROW' week is 22-29<sup>th</sup> April - see [here](#)

**LIKE TO TRY A SLOW COOKER, PRESSURE COOKER OR AIR FRYER?** See [here](#) for details of the short-term loan scheme, set up by the TC and CFB.

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