



An Introduction

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Introductions



A network of local organisations and individuals working together to build a food system that works for our people, our economy and our environment



**Wealden Food
Partnership**

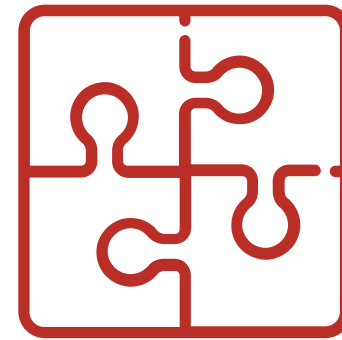


Led by the four local district and borough food partnerships and East Sussex County Council, facilitated by Food Matters

So far...



252 members



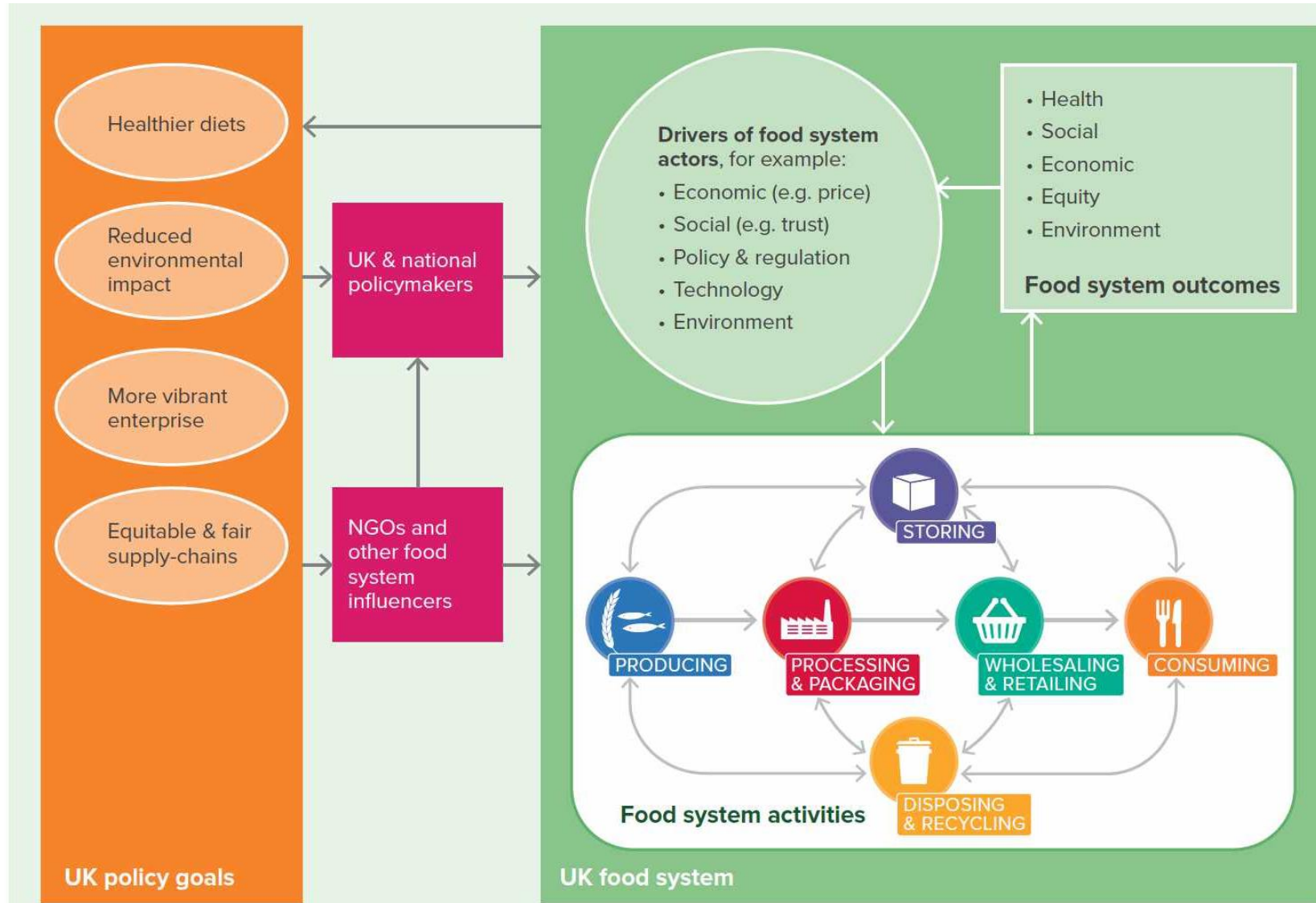
Public, private,
third sector and
community groups
and leaders

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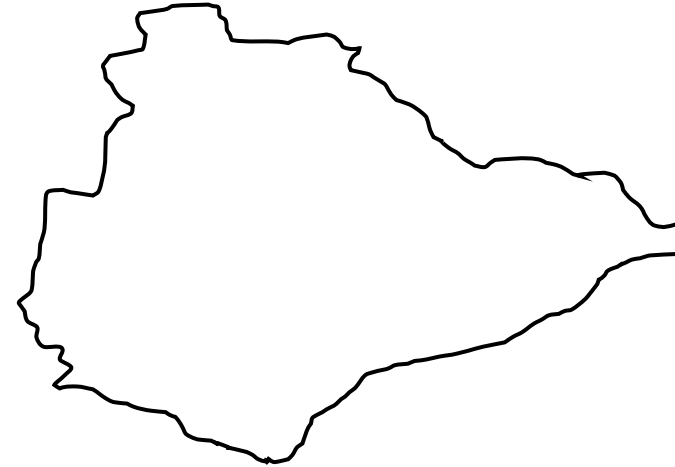
A food partnership is a group of stakeholders that come together around a common vision of creating a more sustainable food system.

What do we mean by the local food system?



Why Good Food East Sussex

	Shire Areas		
	Unitaries	County Councils	District Councils
Education	✓	✓	
Highways	✓	✓	
Transport planning	✓	✓	
Passenger transport	✓	✓	
Social care	✓	✓	
Housing	✓		✓
Libraries	✓	✓	
Leisure and recreation	✓		✓
Environmental health	✓		✓
Waste collection	✓		✓
Waste disposal	✓	✓	
Planning applications	✓		✓
Strategic planning	✓	✓	
Local taxation collection	✓		✓



Good Food East Sussex network

Districts and Borough Councils in East Sussex



Local food partnerships

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Sussex
Health & Care

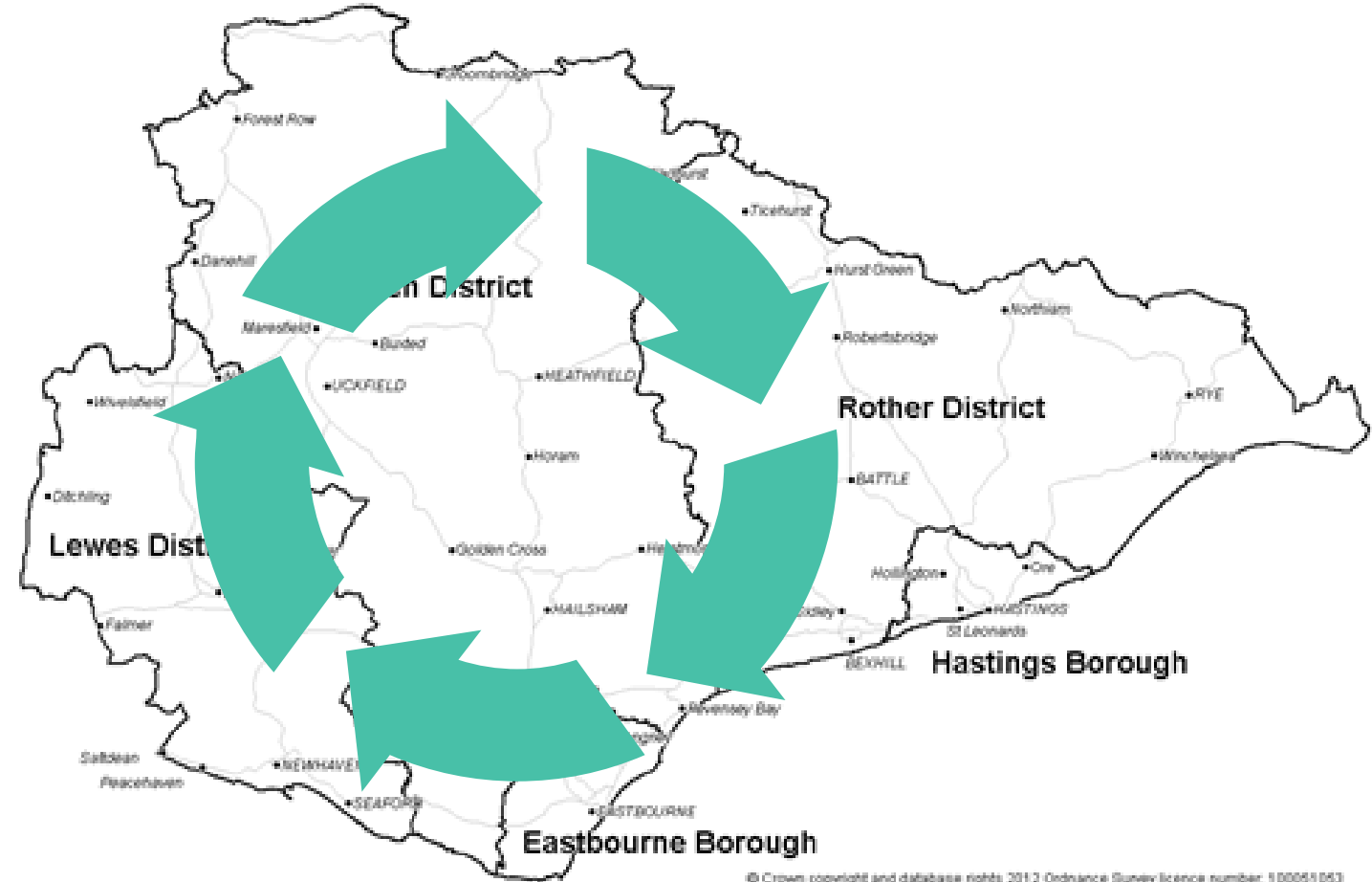


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Our eight strategic areas...



**FOOD CULTURE AND
CONNECTION**



**FOOD INEQUALITY
AND HEALTH**



**LOCAL FOOD
BUSINESSES AND
JOBS**



**CLIMATE, NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT AND
PLANETARY HEALTH**



**SUPPLY CHAINS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**



**COMMUNITY
GROWING, LAND USE
AND PLANNING**



**FOOD
PROCUREMENT AND
CATERING**



FOOD WASTE

ALMOST 3 IN 10 WORKERS IN EAST SUSSEX WORK IN THE FOOD SECTOR. WE HAVE MORE FOOD BUSINESSES THAN EAST ANGLIA, AN AREA WITH 5 TIMES OUR POPULATION. WHAT IF WE WERE ABLE TO MAXIMISE THE POTENTIAL OF OUR FOOD SECTOR?



LOCAL FOOD BUSINESSES AND JOBS

WHAT IF THE FOOD IN OUR SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND SHOPS AND CAME FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SUPPORTED LOCAL PEOPLE?



FOOD PROCUREMENT AND CATERING

WHAT IF BUILDING A LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM ENSURED WE MEET NET CARBON ZERO GOALS?



CLIMATE, NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANETARY HEALTH

WHAT IF WE ALL FELT MORE CONNECTED TO OUR FOOD, AND BUILT OUR COMMUNITIES AROUND IT?



FOOD CULTURE AND CONNECTION

**GOOD
FOOD
EAST
SUSSEX**

AN ALLIANCE OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD...

A FOOD SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR OUR PEOPLE, OUR ECONOMY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT



FOOD WASTE

WHAT IF WE BUILT A CONNECTED SYSTEM SO NO FOOD WAS WASTED?



SUPPLY CHAINS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHAT IF WE WERE ABLE TO BUILD MORE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PRODUCERS TO BE ABLE TO PROCESS THEIR PRODUCTS LOCALLY, AND ALLOW US ALL TO BE ABLE TO BUY DIRECTLY FROM OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES?



FOOD INEQUALITY AND HEALTH

WHAT IF WE WERE ALL ABLE TO AFFORD THE HEALTHY FOOD WE NEED?



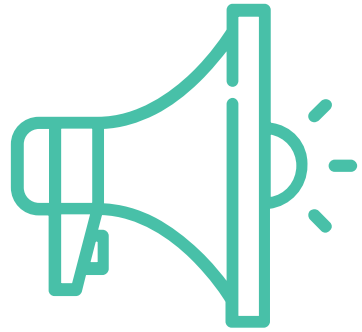
COMMUNITY GROWING, LAND USE AND PLANNING

WHAT IF WE COULD USE EMPTY SPACES FOR COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING AND SUPPORTING NEW BUSINESSES?

Examples of what we're working on...

- **Good Food East Sussex month** to promote local businesses, services and community initiatives
- County wide conversations about **public sector procurement** and how we can have more local food in our schools, hospitals and public venues
- **Twinning** East Sussex farms with schools and care homes
- **Supplier and buyer meet up event** to get more local food to local markets
- Developing county-wide **principles for dignified emergency food** services
- Encouraging better accessibility for **meanwhile leases** for food projects

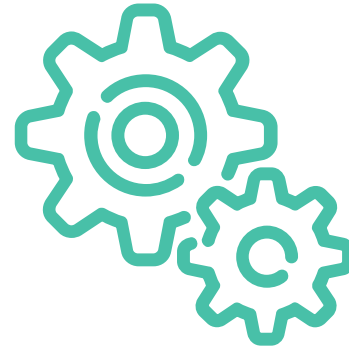
Why get involved...



Advocacy and
support



Funding



Connections



Information

What next...

- Visit the website at goodfoodeastsussex.org.uk for more information
- Join the mailing list and Google group to hear updates and connect with others in the network - email goodfoodeastsussex@gmail.com to join
- Email goodfoodeastsussex@gmail.com with any questions, suggestions or ideas on how we could support you, or projects you'd like to collaborate on

Any questions?