

Biodynamic Biodiversity a Day Event

including the Biodynamic Association AGM

Saturday 16th October 2021 at Waltham Place and by Zoom – booking required

Session 1 (arrival from 9 & sign-in available from 9.10am) – chaired by Julia Wright **9.30am AGM Meeting**

Welcome, apologies and thanks - see detailed agenda document

- Minutes from 2020*
- Trustees Report of Activity - Chair's address
- Finance Report 2020-21*
- Reappointment of Accountants – Andorran*
- Presentation & Election of New Trustees
 - i. Standing for re-election – Ian Bailey*, Andre Tranquilini*
 - ii. Co-opted trustee standing for election – Andrew Scott*
- Consultation and motions on the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (statutes)
Presentation: The Importance of Research and development in the BD world view and practice
 - i. Motion to modify the Objects of the Association incorporating Research as one of the key objects*
 - ii. Motion to agree the potential for a third term for trustees, taking it to a maximum of 9 years before a break*
- Q & A – if time – pose questions in person or via zoom chat

11.00 - 11.45 Coffee Break

Session 2 – chaired by Gabriel Kaye - 11.45 am – 12.45am

Biodynamic Biodiversity - Making a difference with Biodynamics Promoting Biodynamics for health of people and the planet - Presenting aspects of biodynamic activity in the UK and how it is developing

- **New Branding for the BDA**

From soil to universe we stand for quality and connection – presenting our new look, reinforcing our values, on a path to become more visible, more recognised

- **Certification developments– assuring good food well produced**

A world of agriculture meeting change: Defra and politics, Brexit, imports and exports, Regenerative agriculture and Sustainable Farming Incentive and growing interest in our Certification. Planning ahead, setting goals.

- **Promoting our licensees, Marketing, Comms and supply chains**

Our licensees are organic and Demeter certified and on a path for quality of produce and service. Many producers (farmers and growers) sell direct to their local community and others need to work with partners such as processors and traders. Connections and



understanding of needs and filling gaps is important work so that citizens can find and buy the quality produce they seek. Many licensees are heroes of persistence and invention, keeping going while all is changing. Supporting them is also supporting citizens to find the produce they seek, this ongoing work.

- **Developing Farm Services**

Supporting farmers to develop their journey, farm and local partnerships. Farm Services offers packages for getting to know your soil in a new way, conversion to organic and biodynamic methods and groups for being mutually supportive is all part of developing for BDA licensees and those interested in what we offer in varying ways and costs.

- **Gardening club and its projects**

Reaching out with club to more gardeners, to urban gardening challenges, to citizen science and Goethean observation of the Biodynamic preparations at work in your garden.

- **Biodynamic Training in the UK – updates on courses - from Gardening to Farm Management and Viticulture**

Growing the farmers and gardeners of the future: nationally there is a shortage of farmers and growers with the skills and training to succeed, in organic, regenerative and biodynamic methods this is more acute. Biodynamic Agriculture College / Ruskin Mill Trust / Emerson College / Apricot Centre / Wholistic Living University / others offering training opportunities.

- **Other aspects of BD development – updates and sharing**

Q&A – in person and via zoom chat

12.45 – 14.00 LUNCH BREAK *a simple lunch will be provided by the team at Waltham Place (donations appreciated)*

Session 3 – Andre Tranquilini

14.00 – 14.45 Waltham Place presents its biodynamic practice and building biodiversity as a conscious activity and involving the community

15.00 Farm & Garden Walks

Two groups

1. one focussing on gardening and biodiversity
2. focussing on the farm individuality and ecosystem and building biodiversity

16.30 back to buildings and cars

END - time to go home – THANK YOU ALL – HAVE A GREAT AUTUMN