

Summary of Workshop Outcomes

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The workshop was run using Participatory Appraisal. These are facilitation techniques which are designed to give all participants an equal chance to contribute and be heard. The process involved ideas and opinions being recorded by participants on coloured post-it notes. The completed notes were then grouped into themes on flipchart papers. Photographs of all the output are available.

1. Like to Happen

Participants were invited to share the issues and ideas that they would like to see happen. The emerging themes were (most supported first):

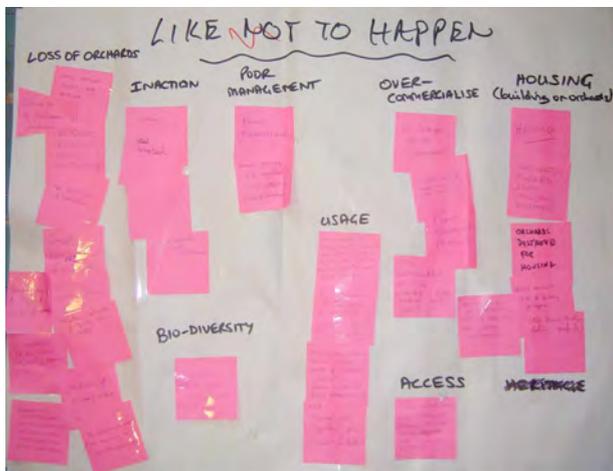
- Restoration & Rejuvenation of existing orchards
- Commerce & Coordination
- Heritage Varieties
- Activities orientated around orchards
- New Plantings
- Children
- Funding
- Leisure
- Carse brand
- Shop/retail
- Biodiversity
- Advise
- Health



2. Like Not to Happen

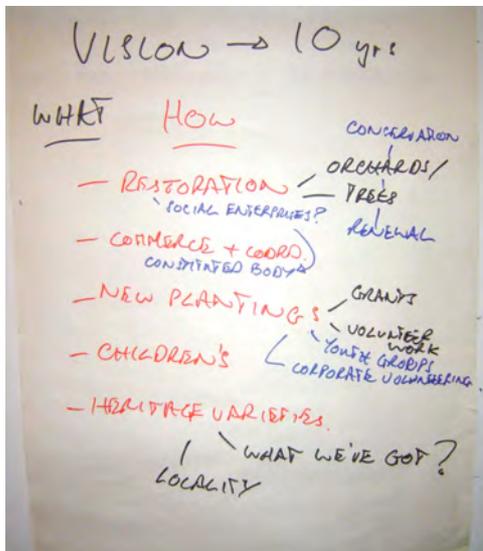
Participants were invited to share the events that they would not like to see happening to the orchards. The emerging themes were (most supported first):

- Further Loss of Orchards
- Clearance for Housing
- Inaction
- Over commercialisation
- Usage: Considerations of how the orchards
- Poor management
- Excessive emphasis on biodiversity
- Limits on access



3. Ten year vision

After considering the outcomes above, an envisioning process was undertaken discussing 'what' and 'how' the main themes could be achieved.



4. Timeline

A timeline was then used to determine the stepping stones to achieve this vision. The evolving ideas Ideas and issues were a a timeline. All postings are recorded below - they are set out in order as they appeared on the timeline:

Time= 3 months

- steering committee to coordinate way forward
- find out what owners want
- get funding for a project officer
- list named varieties and location are nature trees
- keep up the head of steam
- training in pruning and restoration
- survey of species to identify biodiversity and future management
- meeting of orchard owners
- funding to identify varieties
- training, nature trails, Apple Days and celebrations
- co-operation with farmers, owners of trees, owners of land and historical interests
- co-operative organising body and volunteers also bring in agriculture and horticulture students and some placements
- write proposal funded project to collecting the analyse material from orchards

Time = Six months

- commission biodiversity survey audit of old Carse orchards
- identify existing orchard varieties those of heritage nature and those of that are successful in the Carse

Time = One year

- setup school orchards
- volunteer groups to clear orchards
- apple and pear weekend October 2008
- planning restrictions on orchards
- pruning and restoration of existing trees
- report on analysis of heritage tree varieties
- commercial outlet identified
- setup co-operative to receive and process and sell fruits

Time = 3 years

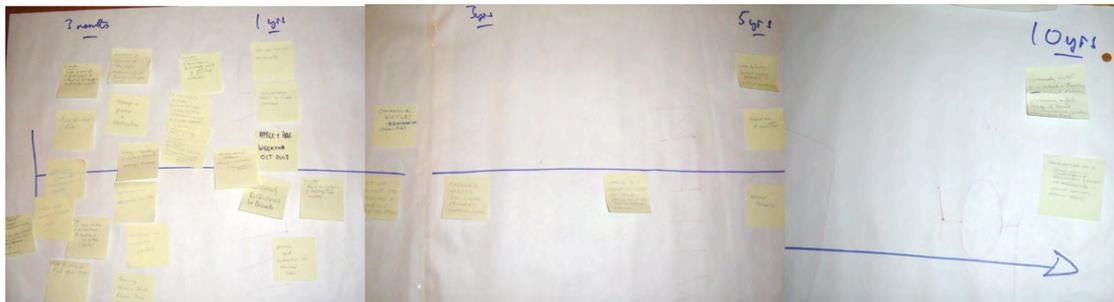
- orchard visits in local primary school curriculum
- Carse of Gowrie fruit on sale regularly at Perth farmers market

Time = 5 years

Carse of Gowrie fruit Nursery established as a social enterprise
appoint new committee
market produce

Time = 10 years

community control of a valued and thriving orchard resource producing a full range of social and commercial goods equals localised food
production of a speciality Carse of Gowrie product or product range using locally grown fruit.



5. Level of Participation

Finally, participants were invited to volunteer how closely they would like to be involved with the ongoing project and how much energy they could put in. Participants located their name in a series of concentric circles – the closer to the 'bullseye' the more involved.

The rings were well populated with names. The names are not reproduced in this report.

