

Ideas

Involvement of local young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In ideas for play park- Planting in garden of smaller plants and trees- Volunteer scheme with WWOOFers staying on campsite, summer vacation agricultural, affiliated (?) something students.
More celebrations - affordable
Thinking of worst-case scenarios, in terms of the future, what about a post-nuclear scenario? It would be good if Dartington could survive and a scenario for there to be people here who know how to farm the land in a pre-industrial manner.
How to engage and encourage the wider community (outside the Estate) to embrace and adopt the innovative agricultural practices/models that have been done in the Estate? A series of workshops/meetings with conventional farmers as a way to promote sustainable agricultural practices using the projects at Dartington as examples of best practices.
Using some of the land to grow heirloom varieties of crops with the intention of saving seed and sending to Henry Doubleday Foundation.
Brave, innovative restructuring of land use/ownership
Looking at the Ecological Land Co-op as a model to test on the estate.
Increasing youth engagement seems a good idea - as was mentioned - they are the future.
Estate continues ethos of experimental model to - sustainability and providing produce needed for local community needs. Potentially an inspiration as how a local area provides for local needs and reduces food miles etc.
Dartington to showcase community resilience - i.e. producing for local needs, employing local people
Biodynamic/organic seed production
Would it be possible to use some pieces of land for affordable tiny home/smallholders e.g. tenants must demonstrate that they make money from land, crofters model

Suggestions

Look at planting in North Woods - less conifers.
Nature trail?
Fuel - wood for coppicing, energy production*, anaerobic digestion.
Greater use of resources otherwise termed as waste.
Circular economy between different enterprises.
Rehedging - wildlife corridor. Thank you!
I suggest more attention given into creating or supporting projects which extend land access to local people especially young beyond the trust's means. (Perhaps youth engagement officer?)
Providing many more opportunities for land-based employment e.g. look at The Severn project
Hold a radical housing conference and look at ways the very skilled local people can participate in low cost, sustainable house building.
It could be interesting to discuss having a milling facility on the estate? Visible to the public...
More land used for forestry and horticulture, less land used for cattle.
Creative ways to encourage/challenge youth to leave their phones and get stuck in on the land.

The estate aims to respond to the obstacle raised - that young people are not lacking interest in land projects, nor do they need it to be sexed up or digitalised. The real obstacle is survival - accommodation, income for them as they move forward. Could the estate use the old student accommodation block to accommodate young people working on estate projects?
Value system for land. Prioritise recognising the human relationship to the land - in its physical, mental, spiritual aspects.
Seeks to preserve traditional farming and crafts, small scale forestry.
To meet future needs AI may have a useful role, though this should 1. Be only practical within a value system which maintains human element. 2. Assesses the impact of AI on the land/plants/species. Will it disrupt wildlife, plant growth, energy fields.
Analyse what is needed, gaps for the future e.g. we need more fruit, veg, legumes, nuts and something. Dartington to encourage farms to fill gaps.
Invite seed producers.
Any land use policies support maximum employment of local people in land -based jobs, and provides training opportunities especially for local young people.
Total energy self sufficiency (biomass - expand). Is it possible. Wind/solar/hydro/?

Opinions

The gardens are wonderful but woodland walks need attention in lower planting.
I think it is really important to promote land husbandry, so people develop a living relationship with the land & the creatures that live on it. You probably can't see a field mouse or a vole from a drone!
Surprised at technological innovations, very engaging range of presenters.
Want to see cross-over with social justice work, around food, energy as well as housing. How can land use address issues of food & energy poverty?
Excited about soil health survey.
How can we get involved further in Land Use Review?
How can Dartington promote itself and all the exciting things that are going on better to appeal to broader people - many don't know about all the projects e.g. agroforestry
Great agroforestry experiments
Great more produce being used on the estate e.g. in cafes etc.
Great that you are pushing for the animals on the estate to be fed off the estate.
The ethos of Dartington to me suggests it should continue to support a variety of projects to expt. and nurture seed ideas. Think there is scope within that for a couple of large scale projects, and it would be good - thinking future - to increase land use for forestry.
I like what The Living Projects is doing, and effectively are becoming informal ambassadors for youth inclusion. It would be good if this group have ideas perhaps? How to inspire young people to experience working on the land and learning about sustainability.
More employment less robotics
Housing for farmers
Love what the estate have been doing since the last land use review. Really exciting stuff - productive food production, ecology, forward thinking but grounded in realism and professionalism.

What if....

Film nationwide about Dartington.
Simple, affordable book about history.
Dartington could be a bridge for the future to link technology/innovation with appreciation, reverence and understanding of the delicate balance & wonderful being that is nature.
We were really mindful of the need to have a diverse genetic base in our crops, trees etc. so that we have the resilience in our seed etc. to adapt to changing local conditions.
Dartington aimed to compare AI forestry and traditional forestry and championed the values of both.
More trees integrated within farms.
Smaller plots for those wanting to farm.
Link to Land Worker's Alliance.

What made my heart sing?

The level of discussion - the breadth of topics. The participatory aspects - ability to talk to others & feedback ideas.
The widespread acceptance of the importance of adapting to climate change.
hearing your philosophy of having a mix of commercially viable projects and low-profit experimental community focussed projects. Meeting both community and wider financial/food security needs.

Extra comments

Fantastic to have this opportunity. I hope that there's a level of deep listening. I hope that these open sessions continue.
Re Living Projects the land has also offered opportunity for rare opportunity for children and young adults to come together - which has been invaluable for kids as the core group are incredible role models and mentors. A place to come together on the land we nurture is invaluable.
What would it look like to bring together progressives and pioneers in traditional and mixed farming with ag tech/precision ag and similar players to the estate: - To lock horns - To work together - To learn from each other - To drive innovation for resilience (e.g. in the face of energy shocks, extreme climate events)
What can be done to increase youth engagement in the land and future of land management. How to make land concerns appealing to youth engagement. They are the future, need to include them now.
Liked the idea of the land conference - collaborative planning exercise with lots of different stakeholders.
There's so many more opportunities for volunteers to help implement the LUR. How can we attract and keep people to make it all happen?
How can DHT act as a beacon for learning especially with regards to agroforestry project?

How can the current tenants be fully part of the consultation process in time of changes in land use?
Mixed farming - great!
Provision of mountain bike track to encourage cyclists away from ancient monument (iron Age Hill Fort in North Wood).
Education - fieldwork from schools outside estate perhaps link with FSC.
Meadows - more created in small less (?) used patches of land e.g. 'Memorial Triangle'. Save money (!) plus useful part of the ecosystem - more focus on small flying insects
<p>How future proof is the estate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water? Dartington reservoir..... - Resilience - Seeds & seed bank? Genetic diversity – ability to adapt to climate change – appropriate planting - Food storage – overwinter storage..... - Skills & learning – allowing community to adapt and be resilient - Learning that increases access - Exploring technology that increases resilience..... - Appropriate technology e.g. Scholl Farm & grown in Totnes importing market garden equipment & milling equipment from abroad. - Climate mitigation: max soil carbon, ability to hold down water.
Is there an opportunity (space? Appetite?) & demand for more "patchwork" land use?
What is Sirona?
The projects are good at bringing the community together.
Great more produce grown on the estate is being sold and used on the estate.
How will we know when we have enough projects?
We need a real commitment to a joined up biodiversity framework across the whole estate. Joining up gaps.
Newcomers to the estate to learn from each other 'induction'?
More encouragement for natural processes - apply 'rewilding' principles to allow wildlife to manage the land more, possibly with semi wild herds of livestock for farm income
Importance of the river. A boundary - pass through the estate - what is our strategy to partnership with those upstream?
Look to other places to learn.
New farm tenant
More activities for visitors/particularly children e.g. play area
Agroforestry innovation more needed. Collaboration of activities between businesses
More opportunities to volunteer on the community projects
How to get more volunteers to make it happen? WWOOFers? More young people.