



Farm Carbon Cutting Toolkit seeks new company directors

The Farm Carbon Cutting Toolkit (FCCT) is the UK's only farmer led organisation looking at practical, farm based actions to effectively reduce farm greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It is currently expanding its director base in order to scale up its activities.

FCCT was established in 2009 to raise awareness of GHGs within the agricultural industry and also to provide practical responses that any farmer, whatever their farming system, could put into place on their farm.

FCCT currently has two directors – Adam Twine and Jonathan Smith, and part time project officer - Becky Wilson.

The main activity of FCCT to date has been the development of the Toolkit and the Farm Carbon Calculator; these are available on line, free of charge and are designed to give any farmer, grower or advisor an understanding of the significance of GHGs, how they are generated through farming activities and what are the most effective actions that would make a difference to any farm.

The Farm Carbon Calculator gives a numerical and visual estimate of the GHG emissions across all farming enterprises (using current internationally agreed emission factors) and shows how they might change with any proposed changes to that farming system. It also uniquely provides an estimate of the amount of carbon sequestration that that farm is achieving.

Other current activities of FCCT are organising farm workshops and conferences - with a strong emphasis of farmer led discussions, and delivering talks to conferences and informal agricultural groups across a range of topics including energy efficiency, soil carbon, renewable energy generation, the market drivers for reducing emissions and the complexities of reducing GHG emissions.

FCCT is structured as a Community Interest Company (CIC). Its directors are not remunerated for the time they put into directing the organisation but able to claim appropriate travel and other expenses and have at times received remuneration for specific pieces of work that they have carried out on behalf of the Company.

FCCT is hoping to appoint up to three new directors.

All potential directors are expected to

- Be closely involved in day to day farming.
- Have a respectable understanding of the challenge of climate change and the need to reduce GHG emissions
- To contribute to the organisation their experience and determination to make a difference in this area.

There are monthly Board meetings through the year; they are usually conducted remotely via Skype. In the quieter farming months (autumn and winter) there are also more frequent Directors meetings to discuss work programmes.

We also try to meet in person twice a year to review and plan future direction. In addition to this, when FCCT is organising events or developing new initiatives, the directors(s) responsible for that initiative are expected to give support to the project officer in between Board meetings to ensure the intended goals are met.

FCCT has been operating on a stable budget of around £10k for the past three years and is currently seeking additional funding in order to achieve greater outreach and impact.

If you are interested in applying please write to Becky Willson at becky.willson@farmcarbontoolkit.org.uk giving your:

- Experience
- Reasons for applying
- What you hope to bring to the organisation
- How you would like to see FCCT develop.

Applications close on Sunday 6th April.

Interviews for shortlisted applicants will be conducted mid April and successful applicants invited to join the Board by 1st May.

More information about aims and visions of FCCT are available here <http://www.farmcarbontoolkit.org.uk/about-us/vision>

For more information please contact Becky Willson by email or phone on 07875 356611.