

Agenda

Where are we now?

- Assessment of the current status of the project.
- Activity: what resources do we have?

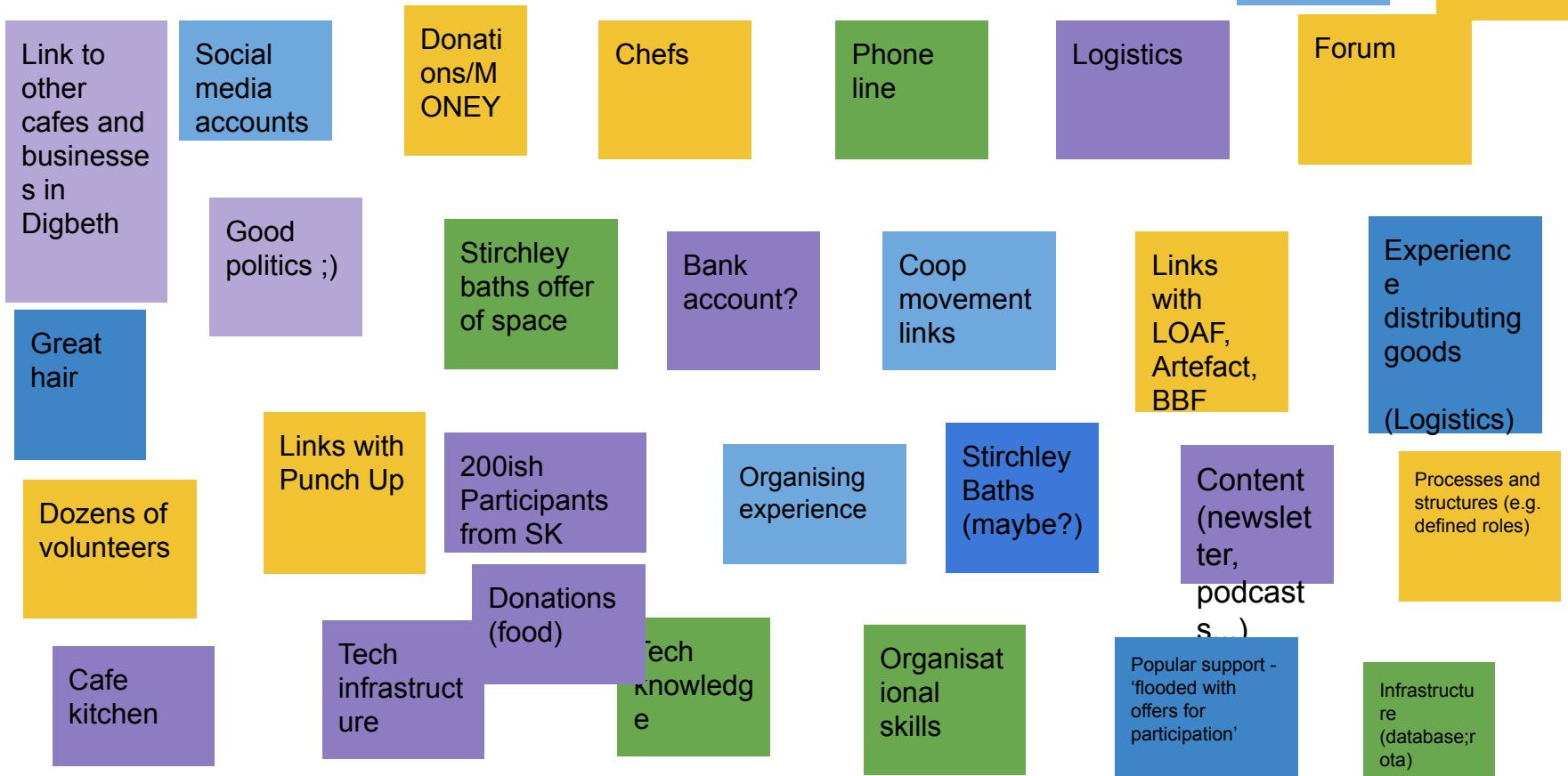
Where do we want to go?

- Go-round on long term aims/dreams
- Discussion on short/medium term aims
- Who care? Who is target audience?

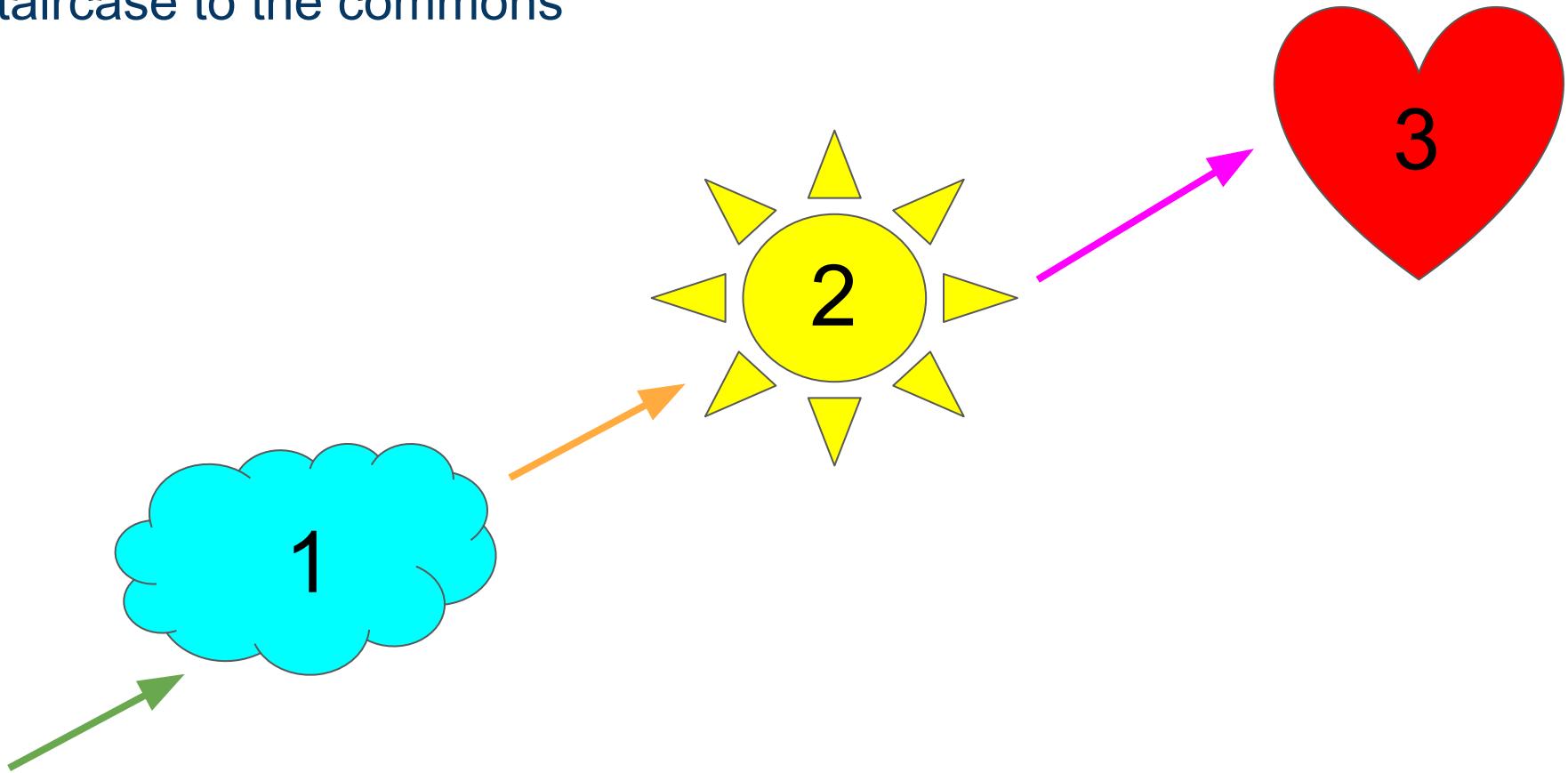
How do we get there?

- Activity: allies and opponents
- Tactics/activities needed

What resources does Cooperation Birmingham have?



Staircase to the commons



The Coop Brum of our dreams (round & cluster)



Think big! What are your wet dreams for Coop Brum? And very importantly, who is it for? Who would be involved in your vision of Coop Brum? Who is your target audience?

Cooperative economy

Federated membership, workers and housing coops, land

Culture for radicalisation, material alternative to waged labour

Cooperative economy alternative to existing structures. Disruptive!

Citywide, multiple communities, worker power, mutual aid, resources to fight back

Autonomous, horizontal and transparent. Mutual aid, empowering.

Scalable alternative to existing structures

Membership structure, educational resources for radicalising people

Everything should be recyclable! Paid jobs. Structured and focused on environment.

Areas or spaces of resistance, "autonomous". Large network of self-defence

Social reproduction, degrowth, culture. Squatting! Reclaiming the commons

Mid-term goal (break into smaller groups for discussion)



Group 1

- membership organisation, well structured, clear
- physical gym space
- makers space
- lines designating our autonomous zones in birmingham
- open framework for developing tech solutions for mutual aid
- composting coop, linked to cafes, growing coops
- PARTY COOP (soundssystem, own a warehouse)
- being a space for developing new ideas
- opposing gentrification of Digbeth

Group 3

- Offer time exchange for people who are members of coop to work a number of hours/week in return for access to things within the coop
- questions to address in terms of membership structure: why are people are joining (beyond those of us invested in the existing project)? How to generate more mass membership? What benefits accrue e.g. voting rights/participation etc.? and how can I contribute? Paid membership/sliding scale?

Group 2 (*best group!*)

- CoopCycle coop is functioning. Provide flexible jobs.
- CoopCard - discount card across co-operative economy
- Element of Sol Kitchen continue.
- Established food coops in the areas where we live. Based on coop town
- Red gym have its own space.
- Soundsystem, lights coop.
- Circular solidarity economy. Growing food, composting etc.
- Cooperative BnB for folks to stay in out of brum.
- Feminist taxi company
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Short-term goal (break into smaller groups for discussion)

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Group 1

- a more sustainable workload for everyone
- better communication and organisation
- more solid structure
- concrete things that we want people to do
- setting up a smaller scale/more localised kitchen
- Coop cycle delivery network development
- membership structure/organisation
- better promotion

Group 2

Lol we didn't know

Wind down kitchen in a good way.

Group 3

- Stirchley baths
- Recruiting comrades - buddy system? Overcome barriers to joining the organisational team
 - Recruiting coops to create a network that goes beyond economic interest and has social and political goals
 - Educational-cultural sessions to reach more people and build a commoning subjectivity

Allies (people or organisations we want on side, who can help us/support us)	Opponents (people or organisations who will be barriers to our progress)
<p>Coop bods such as Richard and Phil, Carl Taylor from Accord Birmingham Community Solidarity CARAG Plan C Radical Routes GAF BFE Red Gym Centrala? Acorn XR? Stirchley Coop Development People involved in old Impact hub</p>	<p>City Council :) Commercial 'rivals' Consumer mindset HS2 Gentrification BCC planners/planning permission committees Landlords/commercial property owners Real estate investors (eg. Oval Real Estate or whatever Digbeth.com ppl are called) People who own land in birmingham (boo) Big supermarket chains</p>
<p>City council Cooperation Town network Mala Helin Existing participants in sol kitchen Warehouse Cafe and their customers Autonomic co-op uWu LOAF, Artefact, BBF, Cherry Reds staff</p>	<p>Edgy leftist groups Fascist and alt right groups Mass media POLICE (acab) Tories Charities</p>

Tactics: how do from 0 to 1? (smaller group discussion)



Take into account the existing **resources**, target **audience**, **allies** and **opponents**.

Group 1

- Trial run for Coop Cycle
- More structured database of members & recruitment process by increasing Tech WG capacity & creating Membership WG
- Promotional materials like stickers
- Educational/cultural work with WC uni (e.g. BCU) students
- Turn mask-making into a coop

Group 2 BEST GROUP

- getting feedback from ppl receiving meals
- Resource list? For ppl receiving meals so we can wind down slowly
 - Information meeting for participants, giving people opportunities for new roles
 - Recruit new wave of participants
 - Making a promo video to invite ppl to meeting
 - Social space online/building community in time of Covid

Group 3:

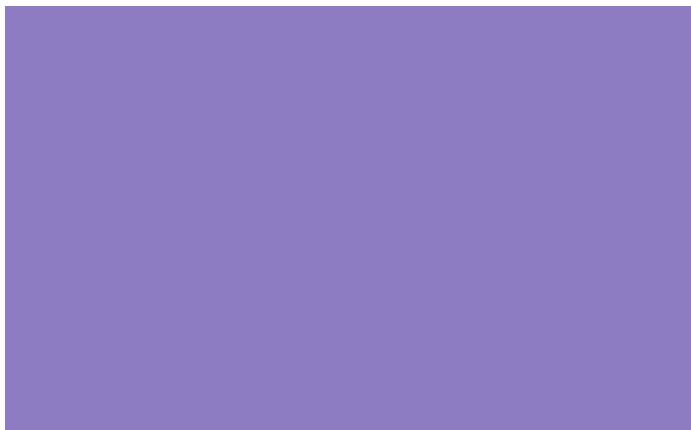
- Educational program of talks about practical organising - coop town, rojava, zapatistas etc.
- Decentralise activities of Coop Brum. Find spaces in different places of the city, and focus on the forum and online activities.
- Consolidate new participants: call people and have personal conversations, but we need to offer sthg.
- Discussion time: Give ppl voice to express their concerns as a way to make them feel welcome to a safe space to talk and work together (mutual aid support + direct action + empowering)

Empty sticker
CiarA? Leo?

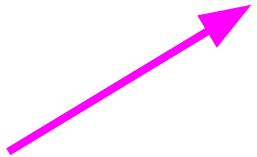
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Tactics: how do go from 1 to 2? (smaller group discussion)

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Tactics: how do go from 2 to 3? (smaller group discussion)



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