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Modelling
collaboration



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Has Agile
abandoned
its core premise?



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What experiments
are you running?



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Applying Agile on
very small teams



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Encouraging
attendance and
participation



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Self-awareness
and emotional
intelligence



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How does
practicing Agile
change people?



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Does TDD take
twice as long?



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Voting and
communications
when you can't
see each other



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Is ScrumMaster
a full time job?



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Continuous
Integration



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Is it okay that
people are not
fully allocated?



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When to use
rapid prototyping



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Agile values and
the tree of Agile
High Performance



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Methods for
limiting work
in process (WIP)



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Weighing the
costs and benefits
of offshoring



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How have you used
Time-Boxing
for meetings
and discussions?



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Creating an
environment where
it's safe to fail



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When the
SM and PO
are not in sync



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Obstacles to
adopting Agile



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Leveraging the
wisdom of crowds



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What happens
when there's
no response to
identified problems?



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Do you think
project managers
can make good
ScrumMasters?



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Internal
hackathons and
innovation days



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Performance
reviews in an
Agile workplace



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What makes a
good scrum coach?



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Best games
for new teams



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How is User
Acceptance Testing
(UAT) handled on
Scrum teams?



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What makes good
Acceptance Criteria?



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Our professional
development



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Levels of
Agile planning



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Measuring
economic progress



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Are we responsible
for coaching
upward?



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Designing the
optimal physical
workplace
environment



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What is the view
from the
Program level?



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What is the
long-term value
of a coach /
ScrumMaster?



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ScrumMaster
as leader of
getting things done



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Scrum: simple,
but not easy



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Using Personal
Kanban in your
non-work life



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"Agile practices
make me tired"



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Keeping managers
and leaders in the
Agile conversations



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How does
your behavior
change in a crisis?



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"Doing things right"
US
"Doing the
right things"



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Focusing on
outcomes without
holding on to
the "how"



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Cross-team
dependencies &
communication



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Designing UX with Agile methods (Lean UX?)

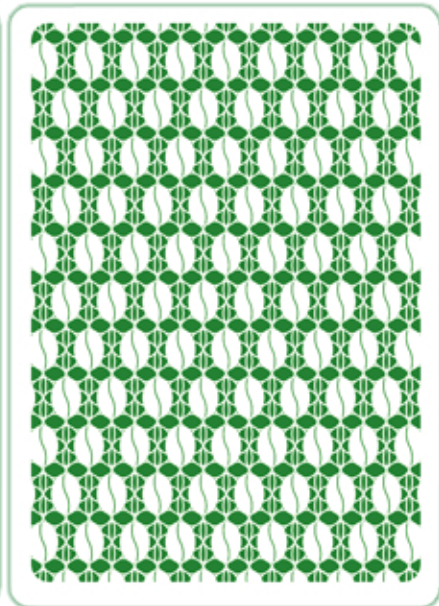


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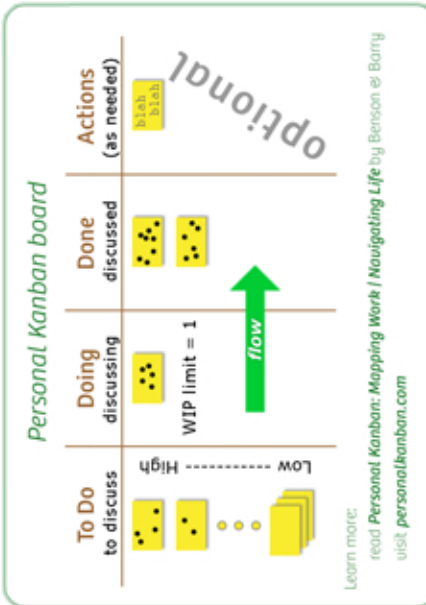
How to run a Lean Coffee

Simple rules make this tool powerful

- set up a personal kanban board
- decide what you want to discuss
 - use this deck or make your own with index cards or sticky notes
- dot vote to determine priority
 - eg. everyone gets three votes
 - *tip*: some whiteboard markers may be erased off cards in this deck if attempted promptly
- agree on a time-box (eg. 5 mins) and pull the first topic in
 - at the buzzer, decide to extend the conversation or move on



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Uses of Lean Coffee

Lean Coffee is a great format for hosting meetups and impromptu gatherings. There's no requirement that Agile or Scrum must be the theme, so any community can shake things up with an alternative to the stodgy, agenda-driven events we've grown accustomed to. There's a place for everyone.

In an Agile workplace, we can use Lean Coffee as a medium for retrospectives, brainstorming and other meetings. A trained facilitator and a mature team can do just about anything with this format.

We've even created the Agile Coffee podcast using this format. The host no longer needs to create an agenda or script, and sessions can be timeboxed to fit nearly any duration.



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About Lean Coffee™

- source: www.leancoffee.org

What is Lean Coffee?

Lean Coffee is a structured, but agenda-less meeting. Participants gather, build an agenda, and begin talking. Conversations are directed and productive because the agenda for the meeting was democratically generated.

History of Lean Coffee

Lean Coffee started in Seattle in 2009. Jim Benson and Jeremy Lightsmith wanted to start a group that would discuss Lean techniques in knowledge work – but didn't want to start a whole new cumbersome organization with steering committees, speakers, and such. They wanted a group that did not rely on anything other than people showing up and wanting to learn or create.



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- Agile Coffee Conversations, vol.3
- Essentials for Beginning Scrum
- Coach's Toolkit: Laws, Theorems, Illustrations and Definitions
- Agile Games
- Scaling the Agile Transformation

... and more coming soon



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Contains 46 topic cards,
5 blank cards & instructions.

One deck to evoke meaningful
conversations on topics of
Agile, Lean, Scrum and
building a better workplace.