

SUSWOT OPEN MEETING

7:30PM, 23RD AUGUST 2012

PRESENT

Alex Dunn, Margaret Bambridge, Richard Bennett, Fran Bragg, Mike Crabbe, Tim Bushell, Geoff Carter, Tracy Tainton, Myra Jones, Jill Kempshall

Apologies

Debbie Firth, Sue Lloyd, Keith Yeandel, Steve Tainton

PROJECTS STATUS

Biodiversity

All day event on 21st July was very successful. This would be good to make an annual event. Lorraine and Matt need more help as it is a big event to manage.

Community Garden

Garden is growing well. Mary would like to attract families be involved with the garden. They have invested the profits from their open day in some tools.

Energy

Update on October workshop. Plan into wider calendar – see below.

Get Growing

- Squash, pumpkin and sunflower seeds have been sold and many plants sold, not just tomatoes. The surplus 500 tomatoes were snapped up by growers whose own plants had been eaten in the invasion of the killer slugs. 1,500 distributed altogether.
- Could enquire as to fate of people's plants on SusWoT mailing list. Any successful slug remedies.
 - **Action: Fran to include with distribution of these minutes.**
- Should we consider other plants that will be more tolerant of soggy summers? Depends if this is likely to be ongoing.

Local Food

See main topic – Eat WoT you grow event.

Market

- Progress on finding additional stalls.
 - New stall from Tynings allotment. Also a couple more enquiries: one craft, one cakes and preserves, one Oxfam shop stall.
- Contact with Lawrence Weston City Farm.
- December market will be on 22nd – usual day.

Stall at Radio Bristol event in Carlton Court was good for promoting the market, may even appear on the radio at some point.

There is a new banner near the PO.

What SusWoT support in next 3 months would be most useful to market?

- Distribute flyers and advertising. Make information as specific as possible with dates, details of stalls present.
 - **Action: Alex to organise distribution.**
- Still working on management of Carlton Court to move the market there, could maybe use the footpath the extend the area and get a more workable number of stalls.

SusSwap

Tracy does not want to continue doing it. An event at last year's flower show was quite successful, it may be that a selection of one-off events would be a better way than the regular stall.

LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES ETC.

Tesco's

Still waiting for them to organise a meeting. They don't need planning permission but they do need a Traffic Regulation Order which could be challenged by those concerned.

Post Office

There was a petition in the Post Office about it closing, but some uncertainty as to whether this is really the case, but the lease has been up for sale for some months.

Costa Coffee

Other Costa Coffee's in the city that have opened without permission have now been approved, so this is likely to set a precedent for other branches.

There is another application for a coffee shop in Blockbusters.

Westbury Road bus lane

Council won't even think about this while there are roadworks in North View, which they argue modifies the traffic flow too much to be able to make a valid assessment.

UPCOMING SUSWOT EVENTS

Westbury Quiz

Friday 24th August, Victoria. Walking quiz around the village. Arrive 6-6:30, prizes at 9.

Flower Show

11am-5:30pm, Saturday 8th September. Trophy and category.

Last year there was SusSwap, lego and something to do with bikes, plus display board.

Objective is to raise profile of SusWoT.

- Display board including info on various projects.
- Sign up sheet (specific to project?).
- Sell apple juice.
- Bring your growing feedback and slug remedies.
- Programme of events and ongoing projects with contact details for each one, .

Year Ahead

7 October – Eat WoT Grows

? November – energy. Jeannie, Mike, Tracy. Green Deal register 1 October. Can we find an assessor? Green Door have assessors for their events, new build in Combe Dingle.

- **Action :Mike to discuss with Jeannie.**

Get Growing gets going in January.

Longer term interest in fruit project for next year.

OTHER ISSUES AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

Bristol Green Capital Project

After being the runner up in this year's award, Bristol will be bidding again for the 2015 award.

Bristol Doors Open Day

Visit Horizon House, Environment Agency offices between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 8th September.

Community Orchard

Horfield Community Orchard training day at 10am-1pm, Saturday 15th September

ADMINISTRATIVE

Communication

- Email – Fran/Tracy to tidy? Try to progressively find out which projects people are particularly interested in.
 - **Action: Fran to enquire of list which if there are projects they are particularly keen to know about**
- Website, social media
- Local publications. BS9. Andy from BS9 spent a day with his family at the community garden, so may be an article.

Finance

Sound for money.

Meetings Schedule

Continue with Thursday meetings, earlier in the month to avoid proximity to social/market weekend. 2nd Thursdays good.

Gazebo

The gazebo now has a home at the Church which Mike has found for it. It is used as shelter for the Produce Market and we could use it at the Flower Show if we are outside. It is a big enough for us to put our two tables in and is quite smart.

MAIN TOPIC – EAT WOT GROWS

Lorraine, Tracy, Debbie

This is a summary of plans for the “Eat WoT Grows” community supper. The philosophy of the event is to celebrate locally-sourced, own-grown food, raise the profile of SusWoT and draw the community together. Debbie Firth and Tracy Tainton are the overall organisers of the event. The suggestions and completed actions from the previous planning meeting, together with the discussion from this meeting are summarised below.

<u>What/Who?</u>	<u>Done</u>	<u>To do/ Revised Plan</u>
	From event planning meeting.	Ideas and questions from current Open Meeting. These will need input/ response from Matt and Lorraine especially as to feasibility/ desirability.
<u>Planning</u>		
Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat Wot You Grow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name refined to “Eat WoT Grows”
Venue - Debbie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Hut has been booked from 5pm to 11:30pm on Sunday 7th October. • The hall has a good sized kitchen and facilities and ample crockery/cutlery available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it possible to extend the booking earlier to allow all preparation to take place on site? Currently have been given special rate for the evening rather than usual hourly formula. • Official booking form needs to be signed.
Menu - Matt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt has planned a menu based on locally available, seasonal ingredients based on pork from Lawrence Weston City Farm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tomato soup or salad ○ Pork and apple sauce, veg ○ Apple and plum crumble • Matt will conduct a trial cook before the event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider vegetarian option – need to know numbers of each?
Sourcing food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get people to pledge surplus home-grown items for the menu in return for a nominal discount from ticket price. How would this be done, website form? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed that it is difficult for people to know what surplus veg/fruit they will have available for the day to make a firm pledge. So maybe better to simply buy in food for meal, but people could donate whatever they had on the day for the display/ raffle prizes?
Drinks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide apple juice as part of price • What is situation with alcohol and licensing? Is it legitimate to call drink “free” when included in ticket price. Easiest solution is to have BYO.
Budget and Tickets - Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10/person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £2 meat ○ £2-3 tomatoes ○ £1.50 veg ○ £2 pudding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for 50 meals, 60 absolute maximum – max that Matt is happy to tackle. • Need to keep track of numbers sold. How/where to sell.
Publicity - Mike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flyers at market (22 Sept) • Flyers at flower show (8 Sept) • Email list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicise through local allotment groups • What should flyers say re.

<u>Meal Preparation and Serving</u>		
Preparation on day Matt Tracy, Richard, Myra, Fran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food to be delivered to Tracy's house. • Plan to cook at Tracy's house, then take prepared food down to hall when cooked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the hall could be booked from earlier, all preparation could be done on site which would probably be simpler. • Matt will have a qualified assistant in addition to other volunteers.
Layout and venue preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 long tables of 25 people each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone to decorate the hall
Serving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plate up meals and deliver to tables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest it is easier and also more social to get people to come up to the hatch to collect their meal, don't need people on waiting duty, easier to cater for variants in people's food requirements. • Serve food from 7:30
<u>Other Activities During Event</u>		
Display and SusWoT intro - Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex to do SusWoT intro • Matt to talk about food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display boards about SusWoT – same as from flower show? • Lawrence Weston City Farm could have a display to give additional profile to their contribution to the event. • Also, the veg lady from Sea Mills may wish to have some promotional space.
Raffle - Alex		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets • Prizes – preserves, veg donations
Display of produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for decoration and education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could people donate their surplus produce for this rather than the meal itself? • Could these form some of the raffle prizes?
Music - Fran		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Charlie Groves (regular music nights at Westbury Tavern) about playing. • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pO9DPjkd0CY • http://www.myspace.com/charliegrovesmusic
Recipe cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce cards of the recipes used in the meal for people to take away. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial cook can also double as a photoshoot for the recipe cards.
<u>Clearing Away</u>		
Clearing away/ washing up		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hmm – I don't think we discussed this!