

SUSWOT OPEN MEETING

7:30pm, Thursday 3rd October 2013, Post Office Tavern

PRESENT

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Fran Bragg, Tim Bushell, Myra Jones, Phil Crabbe, Brian Clay

Apologies

Jill Kempshall, Judith Sluglett

UPCOMING SUSWOT EVENTS

Green Drinks

Few people come to Green Drinks, but Mike is happy to be made to go to the pub anyway, so this is not a problem.

CURRENT PROJECTS STATUS

Local Food

- Follow up from Eat WoT U Grow. Do we have any photos, report for post-publicity. Write a report for Get Growing/Bristol Food Network. Brian said it was gert lush. Phil has pictures on her Flickr archive.
- Spare produce to market/ ? self-seeded flowers etc. This is a good potential source of income, but means more work/people needed on stall and potential leftovers to store.

Get Growing

- Get Growing, new concept how should we organise it? (producing modules containing a different plants to grow on such as three cabbages and three cauliflowers or whatever.) Multi-plant module. e.g. 10 plant module from garden centre are all one type and age of plant. They will all be ready at same time. Not good. We are proposing to sell mixed modules of veg.
- Julian Lea-Jones offer. He has a patent system of slug-repulsion which he would like to demonstrate. Agreed that we should contact him to pursue.

Market

- Bicycle donations to the market on 26 October. This will not be managed by the bike people, they will collect at the end. Publicity specifically for market. Any bike, especially children's. Publicity via schools.
- Produce Market, lack of stalls, do we do anything?
- More helpers on SusWoT stall

Biodiversity (FOBW)

Energy

NEW AND DEVELOPING PROJECTS

Wormeries

How do we roll out wormery idea?

Some of the schools in Westbury have gardening support from Arthur Bryce, but schools will have a lot of waste and no-one with inclination to manage it. With schools there is always the question of what happens in the holidays.

- Be clear about selling points of wormeries
 - Our USP is that we have Tim who knows how to make them work. Could establish a few with support from Tim, who would develop their own expertise.
 - The advantage of wormeries that any food can go in including cooked meat and bones. Fat shouldn't be put in, but this really means pure fat, not fatty food.
- Develop expertise amongst core of volunteers and address issues that arise
 - Identify 3-4 people to take ownership of wormery who agree to feedback experience with support from Tim. Now is a good time to do it while people are tidying their gardens.
 - Need woody material, well shredded, which means a shredder is also needed if this material is not to be put out for council collection.
 - Volunteers – Alex, Fran! (example of incompetent gardener).
 - Is there anywhere public we could put one? Community garden. But still stick to domestic ones first until competence is built up.
 - Ask for more volunteers to trial wormery
- Share experience, via blog.
- What type of wormery?

- 2 types of wormery, Tim type which is much like a compost heap and the tap type. 2 of each to trial. Mike to choose from the zillions of types on t'internet.
- Future expansion
 - NP – expand throughout NP, extend council compost bin initiative.
 - Council, Jane Stevenson (Get Growing) to gauge interest/ allotments
 - Green Capital slush fund

Schools Events

UPDATE ON OTHER LOCAL EVENTS AND ISSUES

Other Events of Interest

Planning and Neighbourhood Plan

Green Capital - From Henleaze councillors' newsletter: Wanted! – ideas for Green community events. Ideas for community events and activities in 2015 to celebrate Bristol's title of European Green Capital 2015. The NP will form a working group to co-ordinate this. For more information on our Neighbourhood Partnership, see <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/council-and-democracy/neighbourhood-partnerships> or the local website: www.activenp.co.uk.

- Wormeries. See below, can we get some investment/ involvement from the Green Capital for the wormery project? Respond to this request.
- Any other ideas?

The Neighbourhood Partnership are asking people to identify top 10 priorities for the area. They have given a choice of existing suggestions, but are inviting other suggestions. What would we like to see included? This is their current list:

- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Dwelling Burglary
- Reducing Vehicle crime
- Supporting activities to aid victims, raise awareness that Domestic Abuse is not a private matter and to increase reporting
- Support work on reducing the Student Population being victims of crime
- Reducing Speeding in our area
- Reducing Graffiti
- Improving the toilet facilities, reducing litter and dog fouling in Canford Park
- Reducing Littering
- Reducing Dog Fouling
- Increasing accessibility for all in our high streets (e.g. proper use of A boards and other street clutter)
- Reducing pavement obstructions, e.g. overgrowing hedges, trees, bins, uneven surface
- Reducing illegal Parking on pavements and roads
- Reducing Cycling on pavements

It was observed that this is a rather negative list about stopping things, not positive enhancements to the area.

Transport

ADMINISTRATIVE

Communication

- Email
- Website, social media
- Local publications

Finance

- Need a treasurer.

Steering Group

Meetings Schedule/ Dates of Next Meetings

Green drinks, 25th November 2013

Market, 26th October 2013

Steering group, 14 November 2013

Then it will be Christmas!