

# SUSWOT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm, 10th April 2014, Post Office Tavern

## PRESENT

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Myra Jones, Fran Bragg, Jill Kempshall, Richard Bennett, Phil Crabbe, Mary and Alf Cutts

### Apologies

Hattie Lupton

## FORMAL BIT

### Accounts

- total balance in account is £3,570
- £1,675 really belongs to the produce market
- £400 still remains of the grant for the Community Garden
- spent ~£180 on 4 off wormeries and received a grant of £713 from Neighbourhood Partnership for further wormeries (not yet shown in accounts)
- running costs are printing etc.
- tomatoes – seeds and plants
- £80-£90 profit per market from juice and other produce sales
- David Moore – someone wanting book-keeping experience
- fyi, we are an unincorporated association

### Election of Officers

- Chair. Alex Dunn was proposed and seconded. Elected unanimously.
- Secretary. Fran Bragg was proposed and seconded. Elected unanimously.
- Treasurer. Contact David Moore. **Alex**.
- Publicity officer. Vacant. **Ask the membership.**
  - Myra to manage BS9 entries

There is also a steering group.

Jill Kempshall, Myra Jones, Mike Crabbe, Richard Bennett, Hattie Lupton

### Adoption of Updated Constitution

The constitution was updated regarding cheque signatories. Section 7.3 does not now require one of the signatories to be the treasurer.

These changes were passed unanimously

## HIGHLIGHTS

### New Wormeries Project

Wormeries for Westbury

Grant from Neighbourhood Partnership, volunteer wormières have been recruited. We have distributed 4 wormeries. This is included in the Good Food Plan for Bristol. Another 14 wormeries are on order paid for by the grant. There are 2 types of wormery. No other group in Food Network is promoting wormeries or even general composting initiatives.

It was suggested that we have a slug and worm meeting to promote wormeries and invite Julian Lea-Jones to give his presentation on anti-slug defence strategies.

### Bristol Green Capital 2015

Not represented on a list of organisations involved. We need to pledge to do something. Some organisations have received funds. This could be based around the wormery project via the food network. There is a newsletter and there will be extra focus on next year's Big Green Week.

We should pursue connection with this.

## REVIEW OF SUSWOT PROJECTS

### Biodiversity

#### Biodiversity (FOBW)

Support Friends of Badock's Wood and publicise their events. They would like to do an event similar to last year, but funding would be needed again.

## **Food and Cultivation**

Bristol Food Network – Jane Stevenson with a v.

### Get Growing

Get Growing Trail 7-8 June 2014. This also involves the community garden.

### Local Food

Eat WoT Grows. Ask Matt and Lorraine

Plants and seeds. We have tomatoes, brassicas in mixed trays of 6, beans, onions. Need to publicise this. Sell via produce market. Also squash, pumpkin, chillies, courgettes, runner beans, herbs. Could have a stall by the garden during May.

### Market

Did not get a NP grant to negotiate with landlord of Carlton Court. Justine of the cake stall may be interested in management of the market. Carry on until at least May when the bike people are coming. Cheese stall is finishing. Problems are location, regularity, outdoors.

This could have knock on consequences for SusWoT sales of apple juice, plants and seeds and other products.

### Wormeries

see above

### Community Garden

Running well, enough people to look after it.

## **Resource Use Reduction**

### Energy

#### SusSwap

Registered on StreetBank.

## **POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS**

### **LOCAL AREA**

#### Events of Interest

We have a presence at various community events

- 10 May – Community Fair.
- 7-8 June Get Growing
- maybe Badock's Wood event?
- WoT primary school Big Green Week – various activities, churchyard study, solar panels
- Sept - Flower show
- Eat WoT Grows?

#### Planning and Neighbourhood Plan

Jill has objected on behalf of SusWoT to the floodlights on the tennis courts at Canford Park. They are a new type of LED light that is untested anywhere. The poles are 10m high cf. 6m usually, reason unknown. It is not clear that there is any time limit on use of the lights. Trees and hedges may also be affected in the installation. We need to discuss this further.

Character assessment is almost complete, closing date for comments is 30 April 2014 – see below:

- Consultation page - <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/planning-and-building-regulations/conservation-area-character-appraisals>
- March 2014 draft character assessment -

[http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/planning\\_and\\_building\\_regulations/conservation/conservation\\_area\\_character\\_appraisals/Westbury-on-Trym%20conservation%20area%20appraisal%20draft.pdf](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/planning_and_building_regulations/conservation/conservation_area_character_appraisals/Westbury-on-Trym%20conservation%20area%20appraisal%20draft.pdf)

#### Transport

## **SUSWOT**

#### Promotion – Events

- External events
- Schools

#### Promotion - Communications and Promotion

- Email
- Website, social media, new demographics

- Local publications
- Newsletter
- Leafletting

#### Finance

- Need a treasurer.

#### Steering Group

#### Meetings Schedule/ Dates of Next Meetings

Next steering group – Thursday 15 May