

SusWoT Meeting 26 August 2021 7:30 Zoom

Minutes

Present

Alex Dunn (Chair), Mike Crabbe, Jill Kempshall, Jane Stott, Tim Bushell, Liz Viggars

Apologies

Steve Tainton, Tracy Tainton, Mel Ward, Denise Ward, Margaret Power

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

River Trym Activities

Alex reported on his fishing trip in the Trym with Peter. They caught (and put back) a trout. Trout have also been reported further upstream.

Focus remains on Balsam bashing until the end of October. Now over 100 participants and 500 hours logged. All areas have been tackled at least once, Balsam is growing back and we need to keep going.

Quartet Foundation Grant

SusWoT has received £847 in grant money from the Quartet Foundation to spend on equipment for all of the groups involved in clearing Balsam. Waders have been ordered in different sizes. Also looking to purchase, gloves, gauntlets, ranger maxes, and high viz jackets. Liz to pick up Hi-Viz jacket requirements with Mike.

Litter Picking

Litter picking rounds have proved successful and are continuing. We plan to return to Clover Ground as Sustainable Henleaze do not have enough resource to keep clear (fly tipping issues continue).

Get Growing

The Get Growing trail is the weekend of 18-19 September. We will be at the Community Garden for 2 hours on the Sunday afternoon to tidy up (doesn't seem to be much to do though) and promote our general work. We've also mentioned the Library Garden in the leaflet - Alex to make Malcolm aware.

Talked about promoting this on the SusWoT noticeboard. However the noticeboard is unreadable as the plastic cover has deteriorated. We talked about replacing this - but not sure who owns the noticeboard. Alex to check with Steve T.

Library Garden

Jill reported a successful bid had been made for a second water butt and paving slabs as well as a chair and storage.

Canford Park

Hilary has been in touch with Alex about the sunken garden. The replanting with wild flowers has not been a great success and volunteers are needed to improve it. The park will be 100 years old in 2024 and the Queen's next Jubilee in 2022. It would be good to get the park ready for this. There is talk about making the drinking fountain operational.

Supper Club

We had been planning to relaunch in September but rising Covid case numbers suggest this would not be sensible. We should consider October. Liz/Jane to coordinate.

Village show

Village show is due to take place on Saturday 4 September 11am-5pm. Set-up from 10am. We have an outside plot and juice to sell. Alex, Liz, Jill are happy to man the stall. Alex to contact wider group for volunteers.

SusWoT is sponsoring three classes - and everybody is encouraged to enter.

Great Big Green Week

Great Big Green Week is 18-26 September. Agreed we should be part of this and

What should SusWoT do next?

Our current main projects are working well. We need to look at what other things we should be doing to make WoT more sustainable - consuming less, sharing more (eg tools/know-how), promoting ethical suppliers etc. Agreed that we discuss this again in September meeting - explaining to members what we were trying to achieve. This would then form the major agenda item for the October meeting where we could flesh out details of projects we would like to pursue.

Location for next meeting

Consensus that we should look to go back to the Village Hall in September - subject to government advice.

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None