

SusWoT Meeting 29 July 2021 7:30 Zoom

Minutes

Present

Liz Viggars (Chair), Mike Crabbe, Mel Ward, Hattie Lupton, Richard Bennett, Keith Hempshall, Amy, Shirley Brown

Apologies

Alex Dunn, Jill Kempshall, Steve Tainton, Tracy Tainton, Denise Ward

Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. All actions completed

River Trym Activities

Sole focus is on Balsam bashing. The Lord Mayor opened our initial training event on 27 June and pulled the first Balsam. At least 92 individuals have attended at least one session - close to 400 hours recorded so far.

SusWoT is continuing with 3 sessions a week - Tuesday evening, Friday morning, Sunday morning. Hopefully they will become less strenuous soon! Other groups are organising their own sessions, but may need some additional support.

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, gloves, gauntlets, ranger maxes, high viz jackets being ordered. Liz is coordinating requirements with the other groups.

Litter Picking

Carrying on as before. Alex has contacted all people with rounds to check they have enough resource. One has asked for help. All of the equipment is currently out on loan. Hattie reported that Clover Ground is still bad. Sustainable Henleaze are taking on this particular challenge and their group of litter pickers is growing.

Get Growing

It has been a poor year both in terms of growing conditions for plants and a lack of selling opportunities. However we look to continue next year when things may be back to normal. Shirley reported that her gardening skills have improved as a result of the project and she has grown her first

cucumber (sadly it wasn't from a SusWoT plant which was eaten by slugs). Mike still has some Tumbling Toms available.

Get Growing trail has been rescheduled to 18/19 September. We have nothing to sell/promote at this time of year! We are planning to be in the community garden on Stoke Lane for a couple of hours on 19 September - we'll tidy it up for winter and be available to talk to people about what we're doing - followed by a session in the pub perhaps.

Library garden progressing - now planted up with tomatoes, cabbages, courgettes. Onions, garlic, shallots just about finished. The beans were good. Library Friends Group has made a successful bid for additional water butt.

Supper Club

Jane outlined the concept of small groups meeting to socialise, share a vegetarian meal, and develop a wider repertoire of vegetarian/vegan meal-making. It was agreed that we would look to get started again (subject to Covid) from mid-September. Liz/Jane to email out looking for volunteer hosts and guests.

Village show

Village show is due to take place on Saturday 4 September. We agreed to investigate whether we can get juice to sell - brings people to the stall and should raise a small amount of money to cover costs.

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

Great Big Green Week

Jill had drawn our attention to the Great Big Green Week 18-26 September. Quoting from the website 'Thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces, and encourage others to get involved too. We already have 4 scheduled events that week which fall into this category: Get Growing Trail and three Balsam sessions. Liz to discuss with Alex about how we might get involved.

Update from Westbury-on-Trym Transport and Place-making Group

Robert Murphy represents SusWoT and we will get an update for the next meeting

Location for next meeting

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

AOB

Hattie drew attention to:

1. The Library of Things - a CIC with a shop in Kingswood where people can borrow things that they need. Part of Share Bristol
2. BS9 Arts Trail taking place 4-5 September
3. Henleaze Post Office now sells Eco pens - the main body of the pen is cardboard and recyclable/compostable