

# SusWoT Meeting 24 February 2022 7:30 Village Hall

## Minutes

### Present

Alex Dunn (Chair), Mike Crabbe, Jane Stott, Liz Viggars, Pat Meek, Bob Murphy, Sarah Fennell, Sue Heyes, Fran Bragg, Mel Ward, Peter Coleman-Smith, Steve Tainton, Mike Andrews

### Apologies

David McGregor, Jill Kempshall, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Sarah Fennell, Tracy Tainton

### Previous Minutes

Minutes of meeting 27 January accepted.

### Group Work

#### **Group 1 replacing you gas central Heating with an air source heat pump**

#### **Group 2 Reporting and monitoring issues in our neighbourhood**

#### **Group 3 Growing and Foraging**

Three groups had been working on specific projects over the winter. Group 1 has put some initial information on the website, Group 2 and Group 3 to follow suit. Alex has revamped the project section of the website so that these are easier to find.

Following on from the Group 1 project, SusWoT has been included as a partner in a Bristol City Council bid for funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's [Heat Pump Ready](#) innovation program which will look to install heat pumps in high density in an area/areas of the city. The first phase of the project is a 6-month scoping project to identify the work that would be required. If successful, there would then be a two year implementation plan. Westbury-on-Trym is seen as a good target area for the trial.

Mike Andrews circulated the latest flyers promoting the CHEESE project. [Cheese Flyer](#).

### **River Trym Activities working with Trout in the Trym**

SusWoT is continuing its twice-weekly river-cleaning activities Fridays from 10-12 and Sunday from 11-1. A map on the Trout in the Trym website shows progress. The Southmead Trym Valley and Coombe Dingle - Sea Mills sections are almost complete. The main area that will need focus then is the section of Hazel Brook running through the Crow Lane Open space. SusWoT and other Trout in the Trym partners are meeting with the Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership on 15 March to discuss how further improvements can be made to the river and what support might be available.

## **Litter Picking**

We now have 56 regular litter pickers covering all of the streets in Westbury on Trym at times to suit them. This means it is difficult to find enough litter for the last-Sunday-of-the-month mass litter-pick - a good problem to have! The mass litter-pick will continue, but we will need to send teams further afield.

The Great British Tidy is scheduled for 2 weeks from 25 March to 10 April. It would make sense to offer our support to Southmead rather than arrange specific litter picks for Westbury on Trym.

## **Get Growing**

Some tomato seeds have already been sown. Other sowings (chillies, peppers, herbs, beans etc) to follow in due course. The aim is to have plants ready to sell for the 14 May Westbury Community Fayre and then through the summer. Potting on activities will be arranged for mid-end April.

The city-wide Get Growing trail is likely to be in September. While it is too late for selling plants, we will look to feature the Stoke Lane Community Garden and Library Garden.

Mike and Alex will place orders for seeds. Previous customers will be contacted to find out if they will be buying from us this year. Last year 1500 plants were sold so we have a good basis on which to plan for this year. **Action Alex, Mike sow and order seeds. Question past customers.**

We agreed we would sell juice at the community fayre. Alex to make contact with usual supplier - however we may need another source.

## **Library Garden**

The Library Garden has been planted with broad beans and onions, shallots and garlic again. There is now a shed for tools to which SusWoT has the key.

## **Canford Park**

There is no update on the following. It is understood that WoTSoc need more volunteers.

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**

It has been a struggle to get Supper Club going - likely due to the continuing Covid rates. We are promoting this harder activity harder. This will run on the second Thursday of every month. The food is vegetarian.

## **Pt Jubilee**

No update on the following:

David asked if SusWoT would want to be involved, it was agreed we should. It was suggested that SusWoT could help ensure that Westbury was particularly litter free for the occasion.

### **WalkFest (1 May 22 - 31 May 22)**

We agreed that SusWoT would support Trout in the Trym being part of this. Frances Roberston is coordinating this. There will be three river walks on the weekend 21/22 May.

1. Sat am: Sea Mills to Canford Park
2. Sat pm Westbury on Trym to Southmead
3. Sun am Blaise Estate - Hazel Brook.

We will develop route maps and descriptions using the Go Jauntly app.

### **Village Show - September**

SusWoT will have a stall and sponsor 3 classes. We need to decide on our categories for the Village Show in September, the theme is 100 years of the BBC.

Last time we had:

92	A Plant or Produce grown from SusWoT seeds or plants
93	A Photograph – What’s that Litter doing There?’
94	A Vegetarian Dish (sweet or savoury) where the main ingredient is home grown

We agreed that we would continue with the Plant or Produce grown from SusWoT seeds or plants. Ideas are needed for two other categories - it would be good if one of them reflected the BBC theme.

### **BS9 Window Wanderland**

It was noted that this event to take place from 4th-7th March and SusWoT had been contacted this week about taking part. However given the timescales, this was not progressed.

### **AOB**

It was noted that the RHS had put a call out for proposals for funding. Our activities would fit under the community wellbeing section. While we had no suitable projects for this round, we could consider for future years, perhaps supporting other community groups to bid.