

SUSWOT MEETING
7:30pm 25th August 2022, Village Hall

Present

Alex Dunn (Chair), Fran Bragg, Mike Crabbe, Keith Yeandel, Dianne Yeandel, Jane Davies, Richard Bennett, David McGregor, Bob Murphy, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Pat Meek, Jane Stott, Richard Pedlar

Apologies

Liz Viggars, Sarah Fennel, Jill Kempshall, Denise Barwell, Sue Heyes, Teresa Stratford

To contact us about any items below, please email suswot2050@gmail.com.

Previous Minutes

No corrections were received to the previous minutes. These minutes then formed the basis of this meeting – updates below.

MAIN ITEMS

Village Show

<http://www.wotvs.co.uk/>

The Village Show is on 3 September from 11am to 5pm.

Sharing stall with Trout in the Trym and Centre for Sustainable Energy.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

SusWoT and 8 other organisations formed Trout in the Trym and have been clearing Himalayan balsam and other rubbish. There are some trout. This week have been removing rubble from Crow Lane Open Space. Almost all Himalayan balsam is now gone. Concentrating on rubbish now which is historical. Drought makes it easier to clear out the river. Rubble has built up by the road meaning that water now flows over the road instead. Although only rubble is normally removed, if these rocks are causing a blockage they could be moved too. 15 Westfield Road have identified Japanese knotweed in the garden that reaches the river. The builders are proposing to use physical and chemical means to eradicate it and there is concern that the chemical could enter the watercourse.

Cleaning Grant

Applied to Bristol City Council for £1,000 for cleaning equipment and this was successful.

Boiler Update Scheme (BUS)

Bob Murphy worked with us in the winter looking at pumps, the results are now on our website.

<https://www.suswot.org.uk/installing-an-air-source-heat-pump/>

We were contacted in April/May to be part of Bristol's bid for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. This includes Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), Bristol City Council, University of Bristol (UoB), Buro Happold and others. CSE have informed us that we have succeeded in the bid. It is a 2.5 year programme to identify customers and install heat pumps in volume. There was a previous programme that failed due to lack of resources (qualified people and infrastructure).

- Phase I - CSE have £200,000 until 10 October. We have put some articles in the local free press and put together a focus group.
- There is a possibility of doing further work for £4,500. We are not signing people up. We are to research the market in WoT to gauge how many people could be signed up. Talk to people and find out if they are interested. Work has already been done. 5 clusters where housing is deemed to be suitable. Data is publicly available from Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) from house sales,

but there is a very low turnover of housing in WoT. Need some simple evidence to persuade people it is worth doing. There is a video of Judith's installation on the CSE website.

- We have all our various contacts - SusWoT list, CSE contacts, social networks.
- We have the 5 clusters of suitable housing - leafletting.
- 3 people we know who have already installed a heat pump - Judith, Alex Minshull, ...
- In the process of setting up a workshop in the middle of September.
- 2 focus group sessions, one by UoB, one by SusWoT.
- Cold calling is not well tolerated in WoT. Leaflet target area(s). Invite to an event to discuss further - find out what their issues are. CSE want to put a survey together for them to answer to feedback to government. Refine the survey for subsequent clusters.
- Early September to early October do one cluster per week. Organise social events either for each cluster or 24 Sep to 2 Oct is Big Green Week - could have daily events.
- Simple leaflet for Village Show with basic details and myth busting with invitation.

Several people present and others not present are prepared to put time into this.

Are we happy to start this process? Yes

Village show

First cluster

Other clusters - identify meeting locations

Big Green Week

17 Sept parish church eco morning

REGULAR ITEMS

Get Growing

Supper Club & September Meal

Still need to check about Scout Hut availability. Ask about 18th or ideally 25th.

Library Garden

There is a good sized cucumber. There is no water in the water butt and it is too dry to put leeks in.

Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Repair Café

Flowers Around WoT

Henleaze and Westbury Voice

AOB