

# SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 30th November 2023, Village Hall

## Present

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Fran Bragg, David McGregor, Andy Renshaw

## Apologies

Liz Viggars, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Denise Barwell, Jill Kempshall, Lorna Renshaw

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## Previous Minutes

<https://www.suswot.org.uk/minutes/>

## REGULAR ITEMS

### Formal Structure of SusWoT

We have agreed the documents that we need to submit to the Charity Commission. Mike still has some concern about the inconsistencies in documentation available on the subject from different sources. We need a copy of the accounts from Liz.

The present constitution requires that we have an Extraordinary General Meeting to amend it. 21 days notice are required for this meeting. We will need to update the present constitution to incorporate the charitable status.

Mike will submit the documentation in the meantime to get the process moving. This is not set in stone, if the meeting wants to amend anything or even reverse the whole process, this will be possible.

### Boiler Upgrade Scheme/ Energy Efficiency

Retrofit West. We have expressed interest in involvement in Retrofit West, though we feel we need a break after the Boiler Upgrade Scheme project.

David is going through the project and has some concerns about the relationship between the various groups involved and the engagement with the community. For example, BEN recently ran 7 workshops with a lot of useful content, but there were about 10 people at each session. David will contact BEN to obtain their workshop material to disseminate.

We need a process of some kind to co-ordinate what is already available. Alex will contact Abby to discuss this. We feel that what people really need is expert advice on their specific homes and pointing them to the appropriate group offering services.

### Library Garden

Garlic and broad beans have been planted and the garden is tidy.

### Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

BART have accepted SusWoT's proposal for £1,000 from Keep It Clean for Sea Mills Green Space, Southmead and Crow Lane Open Space to recruit local residents who have not been previously involved and provide them with litter pickers and equipment to maintain these areas now they have been cleaned out. They would also like us to do some education of the people involved.

Westbury Park School have enquired if we would like to do something with the children. We are in dialogue with them. Some children could potentially be involved for a significant amount of time and be interested in such activities as water testing.

The silt traps have finally been opened on the Hazel Brook. They are not completely full. There is a lot of enthusiasm for cleaning them out.

Tracy notes that there is a lot of Himalayan balsam on the Frome in Eastville Park. There is already a group that looks after the Frome.

### **Get Growing**

### **Litter**

There are wider problems now than simple litter, such as the weeds growing in roads that we have observed before and leaves blocking drains. We would need to contact Bristol Waste to support this kind of activity. Alex will contact Naomi from Bristol Waste about this.

### **Supper Club/ Meal Nights**

The next meal night will be at the Indian Kitchen on 14th December.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### WI Talk

Monday 15th April 2024, 2:00pm

### **Publicity**

Fran is working on connecting the websites to social media and it is working so far.

### **Phone Apps**

### **AOB**

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is due on 28th December - Village Hall will be shut. We will arrange a social activity closer to the time.

We need to check with Liz if there is a celebratory event later in December.

Regular meeting time: 7:30pm, last Thursday of the month, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall