

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 28th March 2024, Village Hall

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Mike Crabbe, Fran Bragg, Mel Ward, Jill Kempshall

Apologies

David Swithinbank, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Denise Barwell

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

Previous Minutes

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

REGULAR ITEMS

Formal Structure of SusWoT

It is now necessary to register with HMRC simultaneously with the Charity Commissioners. We were not aware of this initially, but the relevant documentation has now been submitted. They will take a minimum of 40 days to process this.

There is also a formal process for winding up an unincorporated organisation.

We should present all this at the next AGM on 25th April.

Domestic Energy

We have won a grant from Retrofit West for £5,000.

Ros at the church is looking to have a big event in September involving other churches in the village. We would recommend a more regular series of activities as the best way to engage people. Alternatively, we could circulate a survey to potential attenders about their own homes to both inform content of our activities and get the population engaged in the topic. There is a monthly parish magazine and a weekly service sheet that we could use to introduce retrofit.

Ten houses in Jill's road have had C.H.E.E.S.E. surveys using the Retrofit vouchers, meaning the survey is £10 for the householder. There is some idea of assessing the commonality of issues on similar houses, but it is not clear how this is being co-ordinated. The data on Jill's house has been noted down by her husband, so may not have been assessed in the same way as anyone else's. There is a Whatsapp group to share experience amongst the members. This group was also used to recruit the 10 homes. This does not seem very satisfactory.

Could we request the survey data for these 10 homes to do this assessment ourselves as a prototype for a way of working around the area to make best use of the commonality between houses.

Litter

A Vision Express rubbish bag was emptied over the high street by wildlife. Mel pointed out this out to them, that they need to make their rubbish more secure. This business seems to have a high turnover of staff, so engaging with the individuals may not be effective. If there were still an active business association, this could be a route. Mel will keep an eye on them.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

We have met with Henbury Golf Club and have a second meeting scheduled. We have also talked to Roger Moses. We are going to persuade the club to install some bat and/or bird boxes.

Himalayan balsam has started coming up. The section near Crow Lane Aldi was done too early last year and so came back with a vengeance later in the year. This next month is a good time to work on it.

We have £1,000 for Keep It Clean to recruit a group of local people in Henbury to maintain the river after it has been cleaned.

Points West last night featured the motorbike that was dumped in the Trym and the tree saplings that were pulled up.

Stoke Bishop Primary are interested in working on an advocacy project around the Trym.

Get Growing

Tomatoes are coming up. There are far fewer plants than previous years as we don't have the same outlets that we used to.

We have pulled out of the Get Growing Trail. There were no other groups within a mile of us. We will focus on the May Fair on 11 May.

Library Garden

The library garden is quite tidy now.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

The next meal night is at 7:30pm, Thursday 11th April. We will be visiting the GoongNoi Thai (<https://www.goongnoithai.co.uk/>). Everyone is welcome. Let us know if you would like to be added to the meal night email list.

Upcoming Events

WI Talk

Monday 15th April 2024, 2:00pm. 30-40 minutes including questions.

Holy Trinity Talk

TBC Sometime between May and September.

May Fair

Saturday 11th May

Village Show

Saturday 7th September.

Class 92 Section C Plant or Produce grown from SusWoT seeds or plants - we don't really sell seeds any more, so need a different class.

Best upcycled item.

Publicity

We have tracked down most of the passwords for websites and social media sites. The WPtoBuffer plugin doesn't connect to Instagram unless we upgrade to Pro. We should do that.

Weirs assessment report - hindering fish getting upstream. Liz has paid for this today and will upload it to the Trout in the Trym website.

Phone Apps

AOB

A government consultation has just closed on Future Homes Building Standards 2025 which has a strong focus in the questions on heat pumps.

Liz is going to renew the public liability insurance.

Date of Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm, 25th April 2024 at the Village Hall

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