

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 25th July 2024, Post Office Tavern

Present

Alex Dunn, Keith Yeandel, Pat Meek, Fran Bragg, Julia Schwarz, Liz Viggars

Apologies

Mike Crabbe, David MacGregor, Vanessa Simpson

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

No progress from the Charity Commission.

Domestic Energy

Retrofit West

We are currently involved in a project with Retrofit West including a grant of £5,000. We need a plan and to produce quarterly reports. It is proving difficult to engage residents in these topics. They have already done the things they are prepared to do and are not interested in anything else.

We have booked out the whole of the Village Hall for Saturday 16th November for an event to promote retrofit.

- We could book a speaker who is able to explain topics at an accessible level. Julia has just bought a book that works on this level: [Beginner's Guide to Eco Renovation by Judith Leary-Joyce](#).
- Invite people like Mogford's, Ecocetera to exhibit. Find as many people as we know to demonstrate things they have done: "I Did It!"
- Find out what people want to know about.
- We need to market this from the middle of September.
- Could book a follow up meeting in March to see how people are getting on.
- We now have Keith's energy use data from the church group. One observation is that once people have started doing things to their homes, they carry on with more.

Green Open Homes

- We can also join in with Green Open Homes. Richard is happy to be part of this. We would need others.
- Alex has done a number of the non-frightening level of upgrades.
- There are some people with air source heat pumps.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

- Balsam bashing is in full swing in its 4th year. The balsam in some places is much worse than last year. However, in the original worst locations, it has been eradicated. It is growing and setting seed very quickly this year, over 4 weeks. There is one new patch that has never been cleared before on a cliff in Blaise.
- Keep It Clean. Sea Mills and Combe Dingle is covered. Southmead has one person so far, need more. Crow Lane Open Space - we are in communication with Cllr Mark Weston who organising that area.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

We are thinking of trialling a different day in addition to the second Thursday event: 7:30pm Tuesday 20th August at the Victoria. **Keith** to book, **Fran** can send out the emails.

Regular Thursday 8th at Indian Kitchen

Upcoming Events

Village Show

Retrofit and Open Doors.

Publicity

Julia has experience in marketing and design.

AOB

Gazebo

We have a new gazebo which is currently at Richard's. It worked well. Should we try to rehome the old one?
Yes.

Westbury-on-Trym Society

Date of Next Meeting

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

Regular meal out: second Thursday of the month at a restaurant somewhere in the village. Let us know if you would like to be added to the mailing list for these events.