

# **SusWoT MEETING**

**7:30pm, 29th August 2024, Post Office Tavern**

## **Present**

Alex Dunn, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton, Keith Yeandel, Liz Viggars, Rachel Sweeney, Jill Kempshall

## **Apologies**

Fran Bragg, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, David McGregor, Richard Bennett, Janet Gibson, Mike Crabbe

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## **Previous Minutes**

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

# **REGULAR ITEMS**

## **Formal Structure of SusWoT**

We are still waiting to hear from the charity commission about our application to become a charity (a holding note has been received).

## **Domestic Energy**

We are planning to hold our Energy Fair in the Village Hall on 16th November. Volunteers required to help plan and run the event. We will hold weekly planning meetings on Tuesday at 5pm at Alex's house.

We discussed ways to attract customers beyond leafleting and promotion at the Village Show. Focussing on outreach to schools beforehand with some competitions will help - detail to be agreed - suggestions included sausage dog draught excluders and decorated bags to be used for Goody bags.

We discussed whether we would apply for further grants offered - and agreed that we would proceed with an application to the Bristol Energy Network to run Open Homes this year. Richard and Alex have already volunteered to open their homes, and we are confident we can get others.

## **Litter**

Westbury litter is largely being kept under control by volunteers looking after their individual rounds. This Sunday's activity will clear litter from around Clover Ground which has built up a little recently.

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

Himalayan Balsam has been a bit worse than expected this year - and we need to manage this more carefully next year. Overall however there has been far less Balsam than in previous years.

Alex and Liz are meeting with Cllr Mark Weston on 7th September to discuss the Keep It Clean project. We are looking for volunteers to litter pick the streets abutting the Trym and Hazel Brook. We have a reasonable team at Sea Mills, but need more volunteers at Henbury and Southmead. May also be worth contacting Wendy Baverstock at the Henbury community centre and Ella Tainton at the Greenway centre as well as the Southmead Councillors.

## **Library Garden**

The soil at the Library Garden is very poor. We are looking to dig it out (a small section was done last year). This will take place on Saturday mornings. Contact us if you'd like to be involved.

Jill has purchased wild flowers to sow elsewhere in the Library grounds - these need to be scattered between September and November.

## **Supper Club/ Meal Nights**

### Thursday

Our regular restaurant meal night will continue on the second Thursday of the month. Next meal Thursday 12th September at the Thai.

### Tuesday

Our inaugural Tuesday meal at The Victoria was a success. We agreed to hold a regular pub meal night on the third Tuesday of the month. Next meal Tuesday 17th September at The Victoria (Keith to confirm with the Vic).

## **Upcoming Events**

### Village Show 11am-5pm, Saturday 7th September

We are still short of volunteers to man the stall as many of the regulars will be away. Volunteers are needed to help set up from 09:30.

We will promote our regular activities and the Energy Fair on 16th November.

It is not clear whether we will have a representative from Retrofit West (we have their promotional material already. Peter is unwell, so not sure whether we can have our Trym water exploration.

### SusWot's Energy Fair

9am-5pm, Saturday 16th November

We have booked the Village Hall all day to showcase different aspects of retrofitting domestic properties. Volunteers are needed to help with the organisation and potentially manning stalls.

## **AOB**

Jill reported that the developers at Westfield Road have cut down trees without permission. WoTSoc has picked this up with the Council.

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 26th September at the Village Hall

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.