

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 26th September 2024, Village Hall

Present

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

Apologies

David Swithinbank, Jill Kempshall, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton, Mike Crabbe

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

We have had a response from the Charity Commission to our application. They have responded with two questions for which we are collating responses.

Domestic Energy

Warmer Westbury Homes Fair - 16th November 2024

We will be running an event showcasing home energy efficiency ideas sponsored by Retrofit West (<https://www.retrofitwest.co.uk/>) at the Village Hall from 10am-4pm on Saturday 16th November. The event title is Warmer Westbury Homes Fair.

The philosophy is to encourage people to “Just do something” - whatever the next step is for you. Retrofit West are particularly keen to target people who have never done anything. The main part of the fair will be displays in the main hall, including Retrofit West, BEN, CSE, CHEESE, Go Renewables, with more possibilities such as Henleaze Hardware. We are hoping to have as wide a range as possible from simple things to larger installations.

Connect with schools: children’s competition of some kind. Churches have children’s workers who may be able to help. Freebies for kids?

B&Q voucher? Or we could fund a voucher for Mogford’s/Henleaze Hardware. Or just buy some stuff.

I did it! - stand for some of us to show what we have already done to our own homes. Also tying in to Open Homes (BEN open homes this weekend).

Weekly planning meetings, 5pm Tuesdays

Litter

The network of litter pickers is succeeding in keeping the area very clear of litter.

The Sunday cleaning event is sometimes devoted to litter picking, may also be river cleaning or balsam bashing.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

10 groups around the Trym. Weekly river cleaning is on Fridays from 10am-12pm.

Grates on the rivers were clear today after all the rain, indicating that there is little rubbish now in the river.

Now moving to keeping the areas bordering the rivers clean by engaging people living locally.

Cleaning the river itself is a weekly group activity which needs to be done by trained people for safety reasons.

Get Growing

WoT Allotments and Gardens Association is going into liquidation. They used to supply discounted garden supplies and seeds to many people.

We grow tomato plants to sell at the Fair in spring.

Library Garden

The library garden is being developed. The soil is very poor and needs improving.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Al Fresco 10 October.

Third Tuesday - Pub

15th October. Fran to email, Liz to book.

Mucky Duck

Last month's evening at The Mouse was good.

The Victoria are also keen for us to go again.

Events - Recent and Upcoming

Village Show review

We had more entries for our show classes than before, though there were only 2 videos, both from children.

We had a good number of people come to visit the stall.

We were particularly keen to talk to our new councillors. Caroline is keen to join in with river cleaning. Stephen would like to be shown around the river work.

Publicity

Our website is being revamped by a skilled person who can make it work better for us.

Phone Apps

WoTPlot is not currently working. Liz will try to get the code from Matthew to update it.

WoTPick is working - was developed by the University. The functionality is not as good as WoTPlot.

AOB

Church energy initiative. Holy Trinity eco group got several members to record energy use alongside changes to energy efficiency and usage in the household. They are aiming to create a template to make this easier.

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 31st October at the Village Hall.

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