

SusWoT MEETING

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

Present

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Liz Viggars, Fran Bragg, Julia Schwarz, Jill Kempshall, Steve Tainton

Apologies

Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Lorna Renshaw, Andy Renshaw, Pat Meek

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

Closure of unincorporated society and transfer of assets to new charity number 1210296.

A charity has now been registered as Sustainable Westbury-on-Trym which initially has no assets. We propose to open a new bank account and transfer the funds of the unincorporated association.

Accounts will be kept for both organisations until the end of the calendar year, which is our accounting year.

The meeting voted unanimously to close the unincorporated society.

The meeting voted unanimously to transfer the assets to the new charity.

Domestic Energy

Review of Warmer Westbury Homes Fair and building on this event.

The event went very well. The stallholders were pleased with the number of people engaging with them. There were around 250 visitors which is more than we expected.

Retrofit West want to do follow up events, they have suggested the possibility of some talks. We have people signed up for Green Open Homes in January. Material from the Fair has now been added to the website. We should highlight this in our January articles for BS9 and Henleaze Voice.

Funders are seeking our advice on how to run future events as they often have trouble engaging any traders and few people attend. People arriving already had in mind what they wanted to talk about with specific traders and then they had time to discuss their particular issues over free refreshments. We were fortunate to have a nice, sunny day and the previous week was particularly cold. Other areas will have different challenges such as differences in availability of time and money to undertake certain projects or different tenancy status.

Litter

Some DoE students have been requesting litter picking assignments. Alex has assigned some streets to them. A gap near Elmlea School has been filled.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

A company away day is sending 6 people to join the Crow Lane Open Space activity tomorrow.

Get Growing

Alex has purchased various seeds for next year's Get Growing

Library Garden

Pat and Alex have tidied up the garden and added 6 bags of manure to improve the soil.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Both nights are going well.

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 12th December

Mezze Restaurant

Third Tuesday - Pub

Actually 12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

Tuesday 24th December! Probably not.

Events - Recent and Upcoming

Publicity

SusWoT branding and promotional material.

Social media channels. We have a new Bluesky account. Do we want to leave Twitter/X. No.

Phone Apps

WoTPic - UoB

WoTPlot - Matthew developed. We are going to add this to Google Play.

AOB

Enabling the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector

“This grant programme is about supporting a strong community and voluntary sector, and the work it pays for is about supporting organisations to operate well. Most of the grant is for capacity building. This means support to run an organisation effectively, for example, support on: operating within the law; health and safety; employing staff; running a building; finding funding; and working with volunteers. Some of the funding is for supporting community and voluntary organisations to have a collective voice, so they can influence Bristol City Council and One City. This might be about hosting a network that brings groups together to work towards a shared goal.

We are interested in your thoughts on what is strong about the current offer from Voscur and BSWN and what would be most helpful to your organisation in the future. There are two engagement sessions, one on 10 December 16:30-17:15 and one on 16 December 12:00-12:45.”

Village Hall

Village Hall meeting at 2:30pm tomorrow. They are looking for new people to run the Village Hall.

Christmas Event

Do we want to have a social event around Christmas. Monday 30th, 6:00pm at the White Horse.

Litter and Retrofit West Christmas Party

Litter meeting 4th December Liz 5:30-7, Retrofit West

Knowle West Community Centre

What would Knowle West (WoT) look like in your imagination?

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is due on Boxing Day! There will be a social at the White Horse at 6pm on Monday 30th December. The next regular meeting will be in January.

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

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