

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 30th January 2025, Village Hall

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Mike Crabbe, Jane Stott, Chris Bowles, Fran Bragg, David McGregor, Richard Bennett, Bob Murphy, Julia Schwarz, Keith Yeandel, Jill Kempshall

Apologies

Steve Tainton, Tracy Tainton, Judith Sluglett, Mel Ward, Denise Barwell, Hattie Lupton

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

Previous Minutes

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

REGULAR ITEMS

Domestic Energy

The Warmer Westbury Homes fair went very well and Retrofit West want us to do more.

- Library Retrofit talks and Open Doors Day. We are booking 3 slots at the Library starting on 19th February. Library is available for extended access until 7:30pm and cannot be booked until 7:45pm. We did book it from 6:45, but are now uncertain as to whether this is possible. Liz to follow up with the library. We feel that 7:45 would make the events too late.
- The talks will be 1. Retrofit West tools, 2. Ask an expert and a third one TBC. We need to promote them all together, so all three need to be arranged together.
- We need volunteers for delivering leaflets for three Library Talks.
- Richard is keen to do an Open Home and so is Sue. 1 March. These will be videoed by Toby. BEN grant would have come with a lot of bureaucracy, so Retrofit West will fund it.

Litter

- Some litter hoops have required repair as the elastic round the top loses its stretchiness. The litter map is being updated on the website <https://suswot.org.uk/local-area/litter/litter-rounds-map/>.
- Alex, via his role in the Civic Society, has offered to try to identify all of Bristol's litter picking groups and then support and encourage them all with shared experience and develop further groups. Litter picking is not only a practically useful task, it is also a popular social activity.
- Another fire has happened in flytipped litter, including a settee, in the village. This was probably arson.
- 17 Feb - Bristol City Council is launching a new flytipping reporting system. Currently there are about 4 different departments responsible depending on the location of the flytipping e.g. park, footpath, social housing etc. The new system should co-ordinate all reports and send them to the appropriate authority. We are going to try to help test the new system.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

- Each winter a little more buried rubbish is uncovered after rain, but less each year.
- Construction upstream of Blaise has caused pollution in the river. Peter Coleman-Smith is engaged with the authorities on this issue.
- We need volunteers for delivering leaflets for Keep it Clean.

Get Growing

- Some broad beans have been planted in the Library Garden.

- We have £350 worth of seeds to grow and sell at the May Fair on 10th May.
- We will need **volunteers** to look after seedlings.

Library Garden

- The garden is tidy now.
- The Stoke Lane Community Garden had an arch which was blown down in the winter storms. They have found a replacement for £200. Would SusWoT be happy to pay for it? Yes,

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

13th Feb Al Fresco

Tuesday - Pub

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

25th Feb Mouse

Events - Recent and Upcoming

May Fair 10 May, 10am-3pm.

Library talks

Open Doors

River cleaning pub crawl TBC

Publicity

We have recently overhauled the website <https://suswot.org.uk/>.

Monthly article in Henleaze and Wesbury Voice. Create a weekly? schedule of topics for news posts on the website and social media. **Fran** will look at this.

Phone Apps

We now have a Dun Bradstreet business number - so we can apply for a Google Play account in SusWoT's name to enable people to download WoTPlot easily. **Liz** will sort out from here

Future Direction of SusWoT

What new projects and messages could we develop to engage the 95% of the local population who don't currently?

- Jane - sustainable travel and holidays. Encourage and support people to make more sustainable choices.
- Jill - water. People paving over gardens for parking or convenience. Water gardens, water butts. Sponge cities.
- Alex - street level sharing - whatsapp groups. As well as the practical consequence of reducing waste, people get to know their neighbours.
 - Baked potato evening - bake lots of potatoes in one oven in the street.

AOB

- Help with quiz at the Village Hall. They are thinking of organising a quiz night and we have offered to set some questions.
- CHEESE - Keith had a CHEESE survey which highlighted some cold spots in his roof space. He has been recommended to replace conventional fibreglass insulation on the loft floor with internal roof insulation on the underside of the roof that has a moisture barrier on each side with a 35mm air gap to the exterior roof. Keith booked his survey at the fair and used his Retrofit West voucher to reduce the cost from £270 to £80. "Cold loft" to "warm loft".

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 27th February

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