

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 27th February 2025, Village Hall

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Fran Bragg, Pat Meek, Jane Stott

Apologies

Judith Sluglett, David McGregor, Jill Kempshall, Mike Crabbe, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton

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

Previous Minutes

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

REGULAR ITEMS

Domestic Energy

- Library talks
 - Wednesday 19 February (already happened). 15 people came, which was good. There were 3 people from Retrofit West, 2 videoers and 3 from SusWoT. Retrofit West spoke about what they do and what services they have. They also used the example of the work one of them had done on their own house and how they chose which actions to take.
 - Tuesday 11 March. Rob from CHEESE will share experience from the many surveys they have done across the city.
 - Tuesday 1 April. Topic not yet fixed. We have been offered an insulation supplier, but we are concerned about this as people value having the choice of suppliers, not a hard sell.
- Open Homes Saturday 1 March. We have 13 people signed up to visit Warren. Other homes are available if people want to see them on the day.
- How do we manage energy as an area of interest in future? We have been working on energy related projects for the last year or so. We need more people to help with this as a sub-group as it is becoming a significant activity. Start with those who helped with the Energy Fair in November. We have some budget to support activities.

Litter

- Alex is tidying up the map of litter rounds.
- Alex is involved with the Civic Society and is suggesting to them that they contact all the councillors in the city to establish and support litter groups, using SusWoT's experience. We are happy for Alex to represent SusWoT in this project.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

- No balsam is coming up yet. We have maps of where it was seen last year. It needs to be a reasonable size before attempting to pull it up.
- There is still plenty of rubbish coming out of the river.
- Peter Coleman-Smith is working with Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze councillors to work with Wessex Water to reduce the pollution problems in the Trym.
- We need to produce a generic leaflet for streets adjoining the green spaces by the river. Could we hand-write the name of the street/ green space in a space on the leaflet? Liz was thinking of delivering them when cleaning the area in question. How would such a leaflet be branded? A leaflet coming from Westbury-on-Trym might not go down well in e.g. Henbury. Trout in the Trym should have a broader

appeal? Include a map of the whole catchment, reinforcing that the Hazel Brook is part of the Trym catchment. We should engage with Sea Mills and Combe Dingle, Mark Weston in Henbury and ?Southmead.

Get Growing

- Alex has 500 Sungold seeds, 1g of Alicante seeds and a few others. He will sow these soon. Hattie and Jeannie are able to look after seedlings. A Saturday in mid-April would be good for a potting on day, before Easter (20 April).
- Get Growing Trail is 20-21 September this year, a harvest rather than a spring event.

Library Garden

- There is a remaining space to be filled, probably with Get Growing seedlings in May.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

13th March

- Going well with good support. Next month, Indian Kitchen.
- Promote when minutes circulated.

Tuesday - Pub

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

25th March

- Is there a better day of the week - many pubs are not geared to large parties eating on a Tuesday. Could we pre-plan with the pubs with a schedule for the year? We would have to ensure there were enough people to make it worth their while. We will discuss this with the various pubs.

Events - Recent and Upcoming

Bristol City Council Community Festival - 22 March-5 April <https://candobristol.co.uk/bcf>

Is this something we could be involved with?

Village Show

Saturday 6th September

Categories for the three SusWoT bowls. This year's theme is "Space".

- 92 produce grown from seed
- 93 vegetarian dish
- 94 was a video.

Publicity

- Maintaining websites. Do we have access to Trout in the Trym website? Fran and Liz do.
- We are creating a schedule for publicity topics. We could also work on one for Trout in the Trym for

Phone Apps

- Liz has paid \$25 to start the process, it has got to a point where we have to prove that we own the website. We need to do something in Zen who host the website. We need the login details for Zen.

Future Direction of SusWoT

- Last time, we suggested encouraging people to think about low carbon holidays. We will try to make it a main topic at the March meeting if we can find people who are keen and/or knowledgeable about this topic.

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Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th March 2025 Regular meeting time: 7:30pm, last Thursday of the month, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall