

# **SusWoT MEETING**

**7:30pm, 29th January 2026, Village Hall**

## **Present**

Richard Bennett, Pat Meek, Liz Viggars, David McGregor, Bob Murphy, Fran Bragg

## **Apologies**

Judith Sluglett, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton, Ika Taylor, Alex Dunn, Keith Yeandel

**To contact us about any items below, please email [suswot2050@gmail.com](mailto:suswot2050@gmail.com).**

## **Previous Minutes**

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

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

# **REGULAR ITEMS**

## **Domestic Energy**

Liz met with Retrofit West last week. They have had our accounts but also want a report. We have told them that if they are unable to pay us for our time, it is not in our interest to continue these projects as time is our main input. We will continue with our own activities at a lower level, especially Retrofit Neighbour, i.e. arranging visits in the area to people who have already undertaken various projects.

## **Sustainable Holidays**

Holy Trinity are having a day around "Holiday at Home" on 21st February. There will be two speakers talking about their travels in India and along the South West Coastal Path plus lunch and a cream tea. It is aimed at people who find it hard to get out at all and tackling loneliness - see poster below.

## **Litter**

We are working with Scouts to clean Horfield Common. Alex has been talking to a scout leader in Horfield who wants to tackle litter on Horfield Common. We are going to meet up with the scout leader for training and donating some kit. We are also aware of other litter pickers in the area, so some liaison is needed.

We need to have information about the progress of Keep in Clean in Southmead and Henbury (Civic Society) and any other work to be done on the site along with the blue-green areas around Trym (Quartet). Spaces like Crow Lane Open Space that have been extensively cleaned in the past only need a couple of sessions to maintain. If we get new volunteers, they should be encouraged to clean their own street rather than being directed to an activity remote from their home.

Bristol Waste seem to be under more pressure than ever and the recycling collections are being increasingly rushed. There is even more litter after the collection as a consequence.

Canford Lane has a lot of decomposed leaf sludge which Bob is not able to tidy up with standard litter picking equipment. We could arrange a separate activity with appropriate equipment to clear this.

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

Peter Coleman-Smith and Alex met with the Environment Agency to discuss silt. Peter had an article in Bristol 24/7

(<https://www.bristol247.com/climate/news-climate/unchecked-preventable-pollution-smothering-bristol-rivers/>)

about the silt coming from the building areas towards Cribbs. There should be permits and monitoring controlling this, but the Environment Agency have limited ability to enforce this.

## **Get Growing**

Alex has ordered a lot of seeds, including leeks for the first time. There will be fewer tomatoes and a greater variety of other produce. There is some doubt about the May Fair this year - there will be a meeting in 2 weeks.

## **Library Garden and Community Garden**

### **Supper Club/ Meal Nights**

#### Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 12th February. We are due at the Goong Noi Thai next.

We have added Grupo Lounge to the rotation, now 5 restaurants.

#### Tuesday - Pub

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

Tuesday 24th February. We are due at the Victoria next.

### **Events - Recent and Upcoming**

SusWoT Classes for the Village Show. The show theme this year is "Branching out with trees". The first two classes are standard classes that we have each year: we need to decide about the third class.

- A plant in pot that produces edible produce e.g. tomato, chilli or pepper from a seed or plant from any source.
- A vegetarian dish (sweet or savoury) where the main ingredient is home grown.
- We have had a video category in the last few years which has only attracted a very small number of entries. Making a video may be too tricky for most people. We could return to a photographic class, or a sculpture may differentiate from other classes. Something tree related. We could discuss further with the committee to ensure we don't clash with other classes.

### **Publicity**

Do people have ideas for the monthly article in the Henleaze and Westbury Voice? We have 500 words and a picture. Deadline is either second or third Wednesday of the month.

Wed 11 Feb for March, Wed 11 March for April.

Richard has an idea for the May issue - a year with a heat pump.

Liz wants to contact visitors to the energy fair who signed up asking if they have any projects they could write up for us.

For February, we have some energy content and some river content. We could add a section about FixMyStreet.

### **Phone Apps**

We need to resume contact with the developer or remove it from the website. Now that FixMyStreet has been revamped, there is less need for a local version.

### **Future Direction of SusWoT**

### **Charity and Administrative Matters**

Liz is currently finalising the accounts. We will need an examiner due to the level of turnover. We have a couple of people in mind that we know.

### **AOB**

There is a men's group who would like someone to talk to them about "What are we doing to promote a green agenda?" - Thursday 5th February at 7.45 for 8pm, Great Brockeridge. Richard will go to this.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

7:30 pm, Thursday 26th February

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

# HOLIDAY AT HOME

*Not going out anymore? No longer  
able to go on holiday?*

*Come and enjoy some*

## TRAVELLING TALES



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