

# **SusWoT MEETING**

**7:30pm, 26th March 2026, Village Hall**

## **Present**

Richard Bennett, Liz Viggars, Mike Crabbe, Fran Bragg

## **Apologies**

Alex Dunn, Jill Kempshall, Pat Meek, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton

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

## **Previous Minutes**

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

Alex talked to Bristol Waste Community Engagement Team - they are not able to help us find volunteers in Southmead, but we are finding a steady stream of volunteers anyway, often people who are already clearing their area.

Richard cycled past Aldi and it seemed quite clean from the view of a cyclist.

Should we buy a drone? We are still unsure about the bureaucracy of licensing.

Some feedback received to the questions asked last month:

- A couple of people were interested in coming to meetings if there were talks (for example the lifecycle of the Get Growing project).
- However we also received feedback suggesting that talks may not be a good idea - and create overlap with WoTSoc. WoTSoc would be happy for SusWoT to give one of its monthly talks.
- There is no clear conclusion from this feedback. We may highlight a topic of particular timely interest when the agenda is issued. Producing formal talks every month could be a lot of effort for an unlikely return.

## **REGULAR ITEMS**

### **Domestic Energy**

Liz and Alex presented SusWoT's Warmer Westbury Homes project at the recent Retrofit West Community get together. Future Leap are taking over running the large fairs.

We need to promote Retrofit Neighbours - informal service linking people who want to do something with those who've already done it. We've already put a couple of people together.

### **Sustainable Holidays**

We wrote an article in the Voice but cannot find it.

### **Litter**

The Great British Spring Clean (13th-29th March) is ongoing. We need to ask out litter round owners about what they have collected during the event. We will email a simple questionnaire to our street cleaners. Organised picks have to measure what we collect for collection.

Great Bristol Spring Clean - 20th March - 20th April.

We still need to talk to Laura about how to manage our expanding litter work on the website: ideas might include: expand SusWoT site, expand Civic Society site, new site for all areas, series of sites one for each area. How should they be managed? (SusWoT or locals or Bristol Civic Society?). It seems to make sense for a citywide initiative to be hosted on the Civic Society website.

We are working with the Bristol Waste Community Engagement Team. They may join one of our litterpicks in the next few weeks, maybe even 27 March.

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

Trym safari - wait for 4 days of dry weather so natural runoff has stopped. Identify all the pipes with output into the Trym and look for misconnects, then report them.

Regarding drones, regulations were tightened in January, John or Oliver may be able to help, but it looks a lot more painful than it would have been a year ago.

## **Get Growing**

Seeds sown by Alex:

- 200 Sungold
- lots of Alicante
- no Tumbling Tom yet but I do have seed
- I have also sown squash, courgettes and cucumbers.

There is an article in the April Henleaze & Westbury Voice. The key question is how and where are we going to sell them? I expect to grow fewer than half as many as I did last year.

1. St Peter's Henleaze have an eco fair on 25 April, but this is too early.

2. May fair has been cancelled. There may still be tower tours and possibly a cake stall? The Well is still having an open day.

We could approach the Methodist church to sell at their country market. We would have to pay for a stall, we may also be under-cutting other sellers.

We could set up a stall in or near the surgery car park.

Get Growing doesn't have funding for June.

## **Library Garden and Community Garden**

We should start work on the Library Garden in April.

## **Supper Club/ Meal Nights**

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 9th April - Indian Kitchen

Tuesday - Pub

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

Tuesday 21st April - Duck

## **Events - Recent and Upcoming**

- We have been invited to have a stall at St Peter's (Henleaze) Eco Fair on 25th April.
- Holy Trinity is still considering trying to have a small event in the church grounds on 9th May. However we aren't convinced that there will be any footfall.

Village Show

We need to reword the title of our class 94. Our current suggestion is:

"Any artistic, or literary item with the theme 'Trees' this could be a sculpture, poem, painting, video or any other format that the entrant wishes to use."

The show would like to avoid paintings as it's likely that it would duplicate an Art for All class.

Jill - Village show class 94 - could it not be artwork made from recycled materials as in the Feb minutes, or is that in another show class ?

Liz - we will need to limit size and are happy to receive photographs or videos of larger artworks in lieu of the item itself. Videos must be submitted by email to suswot2050@gmail.com by 7pm the day before the fair.

We agree with Jill.

We will have a stall and a full page advert. We already have a poster that is currently on display in the GP surgery which we could use.

## **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.

For May, Richard will submit something on his first year with a heat pump and Liz will provide the annual call to action for Himalayan Balsam.

Ask Tracy about her experience of sustainable holidays.

Look into an automated mailing system like MailChimp or MailerLite.

## **Phone Apps**

## **Future Direction of SusWoT**

### **Charity and Administrative Matters**

We should book in a Trustees meeting.

Suggest 7:30pm, Wednesday 8th April at Richard's house.

### **AOB**

Suggestion of having a harvest meal again at the scout hut on a Sunday in September, more informal, bring and share.

1st Friday of month, litter pickers pub night. Prince of Wales.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

7:30pm Thursday 30th April 2026 at the Village Hall

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