

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 28th May 2026, Village Hall

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

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Richard Bennett, Fran Bragg, Jane Stott, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Jill Kempshall

Apologies

Pat Meek, Mike Crabbe, Sue Scudamore

Previous Minutes

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

REGULAR ITEMS

Domestic Energy

The Retrofit Neighbours section of the website (<https://suswot.org.uk/retrofit-neighbours/>) has been updated. A successful visit took place last week.

The South West Net Zero Hub are looking for community groups who have taken part in public engagement around climate change with a specific focus on electrification. There will be a regional event as part of the [Energising Britain](#) campaign on the 2nd July. This is one of 5 regional events organised by the Local Net Zero Hubs. Should we attend? There are 2 other events already that day.

Litter

We are taking the 62nd Scout Group out on 3 June to litter pick near Wellington Hill: a group of 20. Richard will take kit from home and there will be 4 routes. Each group will have a scout leader. The sessions will last from 7:30-9:30ish and includes introductory and closing activities, so the actual litter picking likely to be ~1 hour.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

BCC Parks are going to run a 4 hour Balsam bash on Friday 26 June in North Bristol. Liz will work with them to identify suitable area. Nicky Hodges from Parks Dept. runs volunteering sessions in North Bristol parks: 5-6 volunteers, 4 hour session are going to do balsam bashing. There is very little balsam left to occupy this group except a few difficult locations.

Get Growing

Update on Plant Sale from 9th May. £416 taken on the day. Alex and Kate have sold approx £100 worth before and after the event. The church are keen to have a full May Fair again next year.

The Bristol Get Growing Trail is scheduled for the second weekend of September. Should SusWoT put something on? Last year was very quiet. This is the weekend of our Harvest Supper. Jim and Lesley are not keen to put anything on in the Community Garden as there were very few people last year. The location is quite

remote from others on the trail. Tell them we don't want to be involved but we would be interested in a late spring event.

Library Garden and Community Garden

The library garden has been weeded and there are various things ready to be planted but the weather has been too hot lately. We are also looking to improve the quality of the lawn and tidy the edges - we could buy them some edging if they want to proceed with that.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 11th June - Grupo Lounge

12 days after restaurant night Tuesday - Pub Meal

Last Tuesday was good at the Vic, they open the kitchen specially for us.

Tuesday 23rd June - White Lion

Last Friday - Litter picking social

Prince of Wales. Friday 29th May.

Events - Upcoming

Sunday 14th June - People's Emergency Briefing 7:30 Bradbury Hall

Judith Sluglett is organising this event. SusWoT will attend the briefing and give a 5 minute presentation about what we do in relation to the topics that will be covered (Climate, health, tipping points, security, food supply, energy etc).

- Article in Henleaze Voice and Redland Voice
- Capacity of 100, 54 booked so far. Eventbrite page.
- Struggling to contact anyone in Southmead. The Mead only comes out a couple of times a year and does not get delivered widely.
- Contacted councillors - Stephen Williams is coming.
- Judith would like someone from SusWoT to speak. Alex and Liz will go on behalf of SusWoT. Jane is also planning to go. SusWoT to talk for ~3 mins. 4 themes slide. We do stuff.

Saturday 5th September - Village show - we will have a stall and have taken out a full page advert in the show programme.

Bristol Get Growing Trail 12th-13th September - see above.

Potential for Harvest Supper Sunday 13th September in the Scout Hut on Great Brockeridge. Hall is in use in the morning, though kitchen could be available even then. Available from 11:45. What format? Bring and share? There is plenty of capacity in the oven and rings to heat things up.

- Risk assessment inc. allergy labelling.
- Bring and share - invitation: monitor broad categories of items e.g. main, dessert, vegetarian, gluten free, ..
- Organising committee - seek volunteers with minutes.
 - Setting up tables
 - Washing up, or could get everyone to bring their own crockery, cutlery etc.

- Venue capacity? Probably more than we can get in for a sit down meal.
- What time? Suggest 5-8pm. Book the hall now. £100 booking.
- Drinks? Licence to sell, not needed for BYO
- Charging? ~50 people @ £2.

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.

Website. Currently, we have a website built by Laura, but she manages a lot of websites, so it will be difficult for her to do any significant development. There are various things we might want to do with litter picking monitoring, energy etc. We are having a meeting to discuss this in the next couple of weeks. Ask in minutes for anyone interested in helping.

Future Direction of SusWoT

Charity and Administrative Matters

Email. blueyonder and virginmedia emails bouncing.

Test with minutes, is it a glitch.

Try Mailerlite.

AOB

Update from Community Networking Forum. They would like to have a “Warm Welcome to Westbury” leaflet. Liz has created a draft with a blank space for some sponsorship from Retrofit West and Harold Stephens. They are hoping to get it delivered with one of the local magazines. They also suggested it would be best to keep it up to date on a website - we could host this under our “Local Area” theme.

7th June Westbury Park Open Gardens

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 25th June at the Village Hall

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