# SusWoT MEETING

### 7:30pm, 24th September, Village Hall

## Present

Alex Dunn, Fran Bragg, Jane Stott, Andrew Mears, Liz Viggars

## Apologies

Richard Bennett, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Pat Meek, Jill Kempshall, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton, David McGregor

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

## Previous Minutes

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

# REGULAR ITEMS

## Litter and Keep It Clean

- Finished cleaning Southmead 3 months ago and now have around 30 volunteers to keep it clean. The target is to get 60-70 people altogether. Local people feel there is an improvement in the area.
- There is a meeting with Team Southmead on Tuesday 29th which they have delivered to some parts of the area which is succeeding in attracting people from those roads. Alex will encourage them to complete the delivery of leaflets.
- Liz is still working on the Southmead mapping system (https://suswot.org.uk/local-area/keep-it-clean-bristol/southmead-keep-it-clean/). Otherwise we will return with our own leaflet in October.
- The same strategy will be applied to Henbury.
- We have £500 of a Quartet grant to spend by Christmas - Liz has agreed this timeframe with Quartet. We could spend this on some leaflets for Southmead and 100 hi-vis jackets. These can have Quartet printed on the back. We could also buy some protective goggles for people working in vegetated areas - say 20. We will price this up and check with Quartet. Ask BART tomorrow where they get theirs.

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

- We have been working with BART building dead hedges along the side of the river to keep nature separated from the path - these will need to be maintained and observed to check they are having the desired regenerative effect. We will need to find someone with a chainsaw licence.
- They are also creating berms to rewiggle the river. The overhead foliage has been thinned to allow more light to regenerate the vegetation along the banks.
- We will get our trees in March from Lloyds - this has been delayed from October.
- We have a date for Theo Pike to visit in October.

## Domestic Energy

- Richard has arranged with Warren for Ben Dornan to film his heat pump installation. We could also find someone with a battery installation.

## Get Growing

## Library Garden and Community Garden

- Library garden has a number of vegetables growing.

- From Jim: We can't make the meeting but I thought you might like to know that almost all of the fruit has been taken from the community garden. Whilst we do, of course, encourage people to share the produce, it is disappointing that someone appears to have helped themselves to the whole lot.
    - Alex has heard other people with the same issue and has observed squirrels taking his.
- The garden has suffered as a result of the drought and we really need to put some new fruit bushes in to replace those that died. We have our own small fund of £80 but anything that SusWoT could offer would be much appreciated.
    - We are happy to give them a donation. Liz to ask Jim what he would like.

## Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 8th October - Mezze Bar

Tuesday - Pub

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

Tuesday 20th October - White Horse, new venue, pre-orders on Monday morning

## Events - Recent and Upcoming

Village Show

The Village Show went well. Carole Thorpe was very happy with the help SusWoT gave clearing up at the end of the day. Some visitors mentioned missing the Trym water display.The winner of the courgette was very happy with it.

Harvest Supper

People who went really enjoyed themselves and all the arrangements worked fine. We just didn't sell many tickets - 20. The marketing started late due to the payment system via the new card machine taking too long to set up. We should encourage people to cook something they have grown themselves if possible. If they don't have somewhere to grow things and would like to, we could offer a small patch in the Library Garden (https://squarefootgardening.org/).

Community Fair - Saturday 15th May 2027

Meeting Monday 5th October. Liz will go.

## 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.

Article about Square Foot Gardening.

## Future Direction of SusWoT

Do we want to start deep cleaning a new ward? Brentry.

## Charity and Administrative Matters

Liz has nearly finished the accounts and Shirley Hume has agreed to review them.

## AOB

Alex replied to the residential home on the corner of Falcondale Rd who were seeking help with activities and has not heard back.

Tracy would like us to promote this weekly group at the Greenway Centre. We can put this in the minutes and in our monthly article.




## Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 29th October in the Village Hall

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