

# SusWoT Meeting 31 October 2019 7:30 Village Hall

## Agenda

### Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Jane Stott, Lucy Hamid, Fran Bragg, Brian Clay, Mike Crabbe, Jill Kempshall, Sarah Fennel

### Apologies

Steve Tainton, Tracy Tainton, Myra Jones

### Minutes from the last meeting.

Were be forwarded separately.

All OK.

### Date of December and January meetings

30 Jan is moved to 23 January.

26 December is Boxing Day, what should we do? Have a social.

### Litter picking

1. SusWoT should provide somebody to go to a meeting on Thursday 7 November in Hiatt Baker Hall, ? in the afternoon, organised by the University regarding the Climate Emergency and what we might do in Bristol NW. Bristol Waste and Sustrans will also be at the meeting and some students.
  - a. We don't know what the university is thinking of doing, e.g. spending money, supplying volunteers. Mike can go to this.
  - b. Mary Rivers request to help with clearing leaves from Hollybush Lane in Stoke Bishop. We would be happy to support local volunteers with equipment and support during our regular slot (4th Sunday 11am-1pm).
    - **Fran will contact Mary to let her know. Bristol Waste need to advise regarding hidden waste in leaves. They have used leaf blowers but Mary feels the leaves need removing.**
  - c. Student cars.
  - d. Cooking courses, e.g. vegan, as students seem to have low cooking skills.
2. Report on the BristolCleanStreets Heroes Celebration on 29 October. 100 seats + standing room, food, the mayor presented people with mementos and an award for SusWoT as a lead group. 14 SusWoT litter pickers were there.
3. How do we operate now there are lower levels of litter in Westbury?
4. What is being done to reduce generation of litter? Bristol Waste do work in schools. Litter picking groups spend quite a lot of time talking to people in the area, let them know they can do this too. People are less likely to litter when there is no other litter. There are also enforcement officers fining offenders.

### Trym Cleaning

- **Alex - how do we report Japanese Knotweed?**
1. Latest update on possible Tree Planting. One Tree for Every Child want to plant lots of trees. Officer who could potentially object to this is very happy for it to happen. There is also a view to ongoing maintenance.
    - a. **Alex to contact them at end of consultation period.**

- b. Stephanie French (tree champion) is looking to recruit tree wardens to monitor newly planted trees. Also need to keep tabs on developers removing trees. We could invite her to a meeting and explore possibilities for SusWoT to support trees in area.
  - i. **Jill to contact Stephanie French**
2. Possible work by Bristol University Students on Water Quality Testing. They are looking for projects from community groups for work in February. Groups need to underwrite public liability insurance. Applications need to be in by 1 November (tomorrow!). Aim to submit tomorrow, possibly with some parts left blank to follow, so that deadline is met. We should take out our own insurance now, previously all our activities have been covered by other organisations e.g. parks, Bristol Waste.
3. Trout in the Trym Website. Domain has been registered.
4. Also, 16/17 November suggested day for extra litter pick along Avon at Sea Mills as recent flooding has brought in a lot of rubbish.
5. Stoke Bishop forum now knows about Trym project.

### **SusWoT Website and other social media**

(Trout in the Trym website is separate.) Ready to be pulled over to Zen when the tag is set to Zensys. Luca does not seem to be continuing with this.

- **Fran to look at Twitter**
- **Sarah to look at Facebook**

Max did create an Instagram account

### **Scout Group Community Development Proposal**

Volunteer needed to attend meeting on place on Thursday 28th November 2019 at the Methodist Church, starting at 7:30pm (same time as our meeting!).

At Neighbourhood Forum, a resident suggested a community centre is needed, including to cater for waiting list for scouts (@ Methodist church), but also for other community groups who have an interest. Jill is likely to be there for the library group. Mike questions if there is the demand from the community outside weekends and evenings to be viable.

Mike could go

### **Library Garden**

Report back from meeting on 28 October.

Megan and Paul and Malcolm met with SusWoT to discuss the possibility of establishing a garden.

There are trees overshadowing it and a badger route. The side nearest Abbey Road seems most suitable. Consider starting with modest proposal if group can be formed to carry on. Clear some grass and plant some broad beans. If unsuccessful, can replace grass. Have session on last weekend in November(23/24). Some storage space could be available in a shed for storing chairs.

### **Financial report**

We have some money.

### **Energy**

### **Christmas Fayre (Sat 30 November)**

Plan of activities needed.

Warm juice with Brian's orange and cloves and Myra's heater.

### **Get Growing**

Alex has 2019 Autumn Sowing Broad Beans seed.

- Schools. Sarah's school has a wildlife area, allotment area and a pond. Would like some advice to develop this and involve the children more. Currently caretaker does most of the work. Broad beans can be planted in autumn and ready in late spring, which is ideal for a school.
  - Hattie has been doing a gardening course at Ashton Court and is offering to help.
  - Alliums (onions, garlic) can be planted now, but prefer sandy soil.
  - A greenhouse/ polytunnel would allow things to be started early enough that they would be ready before the summer holidays. Watering and temperature control, especially in holidays, could still be a problem.
  - RHS website is full of information.
  - Herbs, strawberries.
  - Wildlife - could ask Avon Wildlife who do educational activities.

## **AOB**

- Supper Club
  - Jane used to belong to a vegetarian supper club and would like to do something like that again. Either host cooks and venue rotates or could be bring and share, could pay or supply some home grown ingredients.
    - Learn about sustainable vegetarian meals
    - Use and promote vegetable growing
    - Promote sustainable discussion community
  - Suggest a Thursday that isn't the last Thursday.
  - Ask on mailing list and Twitter. Be very clear about ecological motivation and level of vegetarianness.
- MSc January Project. Looking for projects on an MSc. Trout in Trym lends itself to this. Especially pollution potential from Cribbs in Hen.