

# SusWoT Meeting 23 January 2020 7:30 Village Hall

## Agenda

### Present

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Steve Tainton, Myra Jones, Judith Sluglett, Robert Murphy, Teresa Stratford, Richard Pedlar, Fran Bragg

### Apologies

Tim Bushell, Mary & Alf Cutts, Liz Viggars, Jill Kempshall

### Review minutes (below) and Actions from the last meeting. (No December meeting)

### Get Growing

Schools work (Sarah and Hattie). They have been to Henbury School and have acquired extra seeds for this.

What to grow to sell and encourage people with? (Tomatoes and?).

Mike will grow some Sungolds in his greenhouse now.

More Tumbling Tom, less Alicante.

Sweet peppers and chilli peppers need planting by end of February.

Last year ran out of courgettes.

Summer squash as well as winter.

Runner beans, French climbing beans.

### Events

**Great British Spring Clean** 20 March to 13 April see litter picking below. Last year did an activity on each weekend which build momentum and allowed whole area to be covered during the event. Would like to extend to partner with a group in Henleaze (same community forum ward) if there is one. Also connect with Southmead and Henbury and Sea Mills through Trym work. There are 2 people in Southmead looking to set up an environmental group in Southmead, contacted by Judith via NW Bristol Climate Action Group. **We would be happy to support them if Judith approaches them.**

Do we want to do 4 or 8 events? Inclined to 8 if there are enough leaders.

**Community Fair Saturday** 9 May

**Get Growing Trail** W/E 13/14 June, N and NW Bristol, Community Garden too? Which day, both? Different weekends in different parts of the city. Plan for Saturday with Sunday as reserve day if rain stops play.

**Village Show** 5 September (Theme is 20/20 vision)

Our three Categories? In 2019 they were

- plant or produce from SusWoT seed or plant
- herbs or vegetables grown in repurposed small household object - suggested by show overall theme. This year's theme is 20/20 vision. Something to do with carrots is obvious. There aren't any other carrot categories as they are so hard to grow here. Own photograph of urban food growing if they are happy to let us add to the photography category. Or insect related - insects for food, pollination ... Extend to art as well as photography? **Steve will think about this. Send him any specific ideas.**
- vegetarian dish main ingredient home grown. Extend to vegetarian-vegan.

### Supper Club

Jane has suggested 2 dates, 13 Feb and 14 March, when she would be happy to do pilot vegetarian 2 course meal for a donation. Liz was also interested in this. We are happy to support and promote this.

## Climate Action Group Meeting

Mike has been invited to talk at their meeting Thursday 20 Feb on the Natural Environment  
Their next meeting is Thursday 30 January on Waste Management.

Meetings seem to be on Thursday or Tuesday afternoons in Hiatt Baker Hall. Details in BS9.  
Mike and Judith are going to Alan Morris' energy sub-group. Many of the things discussed so far are already being done around the city and this group appears light on action. We want to encourage them to do things not talk about them.

## Litter picking

March April Great British Spring Clean, what to do? See Events above.

Max will deal with Himalayan balsam in May when it starts to grow.

## Trym Cleaning

Bristol University Students are doing their survey work now (2nd year UG). UoB invited community proposals for projects. Taking water samples along the river at intervals. Ultimately interested in the Hen at Cribbs Causeway. Testing for road runoff e.g. metals (ppb), pH. Up to them to decide from literature what to test for. We will learn what university has capacity for and capabilities of students. Also test for things living in there. Going to presentations on all projects. One of their outputs will be report on TroutontheTrym website.

Cleaning this Sunday if weather OK.

## SusWoT Website and other social media

See minutes of last meeting

Site is now migrated. Still Wordpress.

Need people to help with content training given

Troutinthetrym site will be prepared for Student Presentation. This project is in conjunction with Friends of Blaise and Friends of Badock's Wood.

## Scout Group Community Development Proposal

Mike to report

Large growth in scout numbers in the area leading to requirement for more space. Council support this and have suggested moving the library more centrally in the village and selling the plot for development. This could be part of a new community centre for the scouts with some funding contribution from the council. They are looking at 3-4 troops every night of the week. Potentially site next to GP car park behind some offices. Likely to be demand for hire every night of week and many afternoons, what about mornings? Building on Methodist site not permitted. Demographics of WoT is changing towards young families, so scout demand may be longer term.

## Library Garden

Beans starting to come up.

Library want to buy a water butt for garden. May be better to use an old dustbin with lid.

They also asked if we wanted a sign. Include SusWoT logo. It is not a SusWoT run garden, but is supported by us. Also suggested a banner, though concerned that might not be very robust. **Mike will sort this.**

## Energy

Remind members about CHEESE.

Thinking around electric vehicles.

## April AGM

Thursday 30 April.

## AOB

We now have public liability insurance.

Myra

Saving Our Earth at Westbury Methodist Church. Saturday 8 February 1pm - 4pm

The Unconference. How do we grow thriving neighbourhoods. Saturday 8 February. Trinity Centre.  
9:30am - 4pm.

"People Power and Bristol City Council Community Development team will host an unconference for anyone who is taking action on something they care about in their neighbourhood.

"How do we grow thriving neighbourhoods where everyone can take part."

Sat 8 Feb - Trinity Centre - 9:30am to 4pm

An 'Unconference' is a participant-driven gathering where you actively contribute to the agenda, sharing lots of discussions to help support your work in communities. Rather than a single speaker at the front of the room presenting PowerPoint slides, participants will be guided to facilitate conversations that matter to them.

Learn from others, share experiences, get inspired and re-charge yourself! This will be an awesome day, connecting people across Bristol....

To book a place contact [sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk)"

Wine tasting. Themed around organic, British, vegan .... . Choose a theme.