

SusWoT Meeting 29 April 2021 7:30 Zoom

Minutes

Present(?)

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Teresa Stratford, Liz Viggars, Jill Kempshall, Tracy Tainton, Sarah Fennell, Mel and Denise Ward, Lucy Hamid, Karen Findlay.

Apologies

Robert Murphy, Richard Bennet, Hattie Lupton, Tim Bushell, Richard Pedlar Myra Jones.
Judith Sluglett

1. Introductions

We were glad to welcome Dan Lewis from Bristol City Council. He explained that he was working for BCC to support volunteer Groups in Westbury and other parts of the city. He was observing.

2. (New) Representation on a group being set up by Alan Morris to prepare for the A4018 enhancements.

Robert Murphy, who sent his apologies, was the only person to volunteer to join the group to work with Alan Morris, producing A4018 proposals before the BCC ones were produced. Alan is looking to appoint people from interested groups in W-o-T so that we can be on the front foot when proposals are released.

3. Get Growing

The weather has been cooler than usual, so there is a build up of tomato plants and many other seeds have not been sown yet as it is so cold.

Jill suggested that we needed to go back to direct email of past customers to promote sales. This was agreed. Storage of vulnerable plants is an issue.

Selling tomato plants needs to be promoted by all. Kate and Liz will be managing this.

The Get Growing Trail will be different this year. Groups have been asked to make a video of their work rather than have an event. Again this will be a missed opportunity to sell plants. Perhaps Diana Taylor will help with this.

Actions

1. If you have a place, greenhouse, coldframe, conservatory, to look after seedlings and small plants that could be used by SusWoT please let Alex via suswot2050@gmail.com) know. (All)
2. Promote tomato plants for sale. Large sungold are available now. Outdoor plants will be available when the weather is suitable. (All)
3. Contact Diana Taylor regarding making a video of some get growing activities. (Alex)

4. Litter

Mike reported that the sponsorship with Harold Stephens was going forward. We would have 50 new High Viz in due course of various sizes. There was the possibility of more in September.

Alex reported on his meeting with Amy at Harold Stephens. There are eight staff there and they plan to litter pick for about half an hour every lunchtime. They have bought their own kit. They will be litter picking the centre of the village and the car parks.

There was a discussion as to what SusWoT might do since the whole of Westbury was now covered by volunteer litter pickers. The question was not resolved but a lane, possibly Dark Lane, not part of Badock's Wood needs clearing.

There are six Duke of Edinburgh young citizens doing litter picking under the SusWoT umbrella.

A new group with about eight people has now started litter picking in Henleaze. They are also taking on Clover Ground and its surroundings.

Action

1. Organise clearing Dark Lane litter pick. (Alex has told a couple of the DofE people to do it.)
2. If you are not involved in litter picking or cleaning the Trym get in touch via suswot2050@gmail.com)

5. Trout in the Trym

This is progressing. Eight groups that abut the Trym are involved. Volunteers needed to balsam bash, balsam bashing will be the main activity for volunteers through the summer.

Action

1. If you would like to volunteer for Balsam bashing please let Alex know via suswot2050@gmail.com). This is likely to start in June. We also need people to explore the Trym and Hazel Brook looking for Balsam.

6. Village Show

Categories as 2020.

7. Communications

Mike has ordered 2000 new SusWoT information cards to be issued to people to hand out when asked about SusWoT.

8. Suspended activities (Supper club, Energy)

i. Supper Club It was agreed that we should start efforts to resume this as it seems that Covid restrictions will soon be lifted. Even if not it might be possible to do something outside.

Action Sarah Fennell to contact Jane Stott.

9. AOB