

**SUSWOT MEETING**  
**26th May 2022 7:30 Village Hall**

Present

Alex Dunn, Fran Bragg, Mike Crabbe, Pat Meek, Tracy Tainton, Mel Ward, Liz Viggars, Teresa Stratford, David McGregor

Apologies

Steve Tainton, Sarah Fennell, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko, Jill Kempshall, Denise Barwell

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**Group Work**

Group 1 replacing your gas central Heating with an air source heat pump – Alex, Judith

Group 2 Reporting and monitoring issues in our neighbourhood

Group 3 Growing and Foraging

Three groups had been working on specific projects over the winter.

**Group 1**

Bristol Heat Pump Ready – Bristol is still waiting for a decision on our bid.

Local resident has installed heat pump after going through an extensive installation exercise (1940s semi). They are having some trouble now with a battery system. Colin in Frayleigh (sp) Rd.

**Group 2**

List on website for reporting all kinds of stuff. Seeking to progress how we can be involved.

Could extend to how to reuse things.

List of repair cafes.

**Group 3**

A number of people have recipes to go on the website.

**Community Fair - 14 May**

Took almost £400. Nice sunny day, went well.

Mostly seemed to be regular customers rather than reaching new people. This year's fair didn't seem to be quite as well attended as usual.

Cucumbers were very popular, still tomatoes left.

**Get Growing**

June 11 selling plants

Alex's house. More tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, squash, cabbage, cauli, sunflower, chilli and sweet peppers, assorted beans. Modify fair leaflet.

Get Growing trail

17-18 September. What would we do at that time of year? Need to respond by 1 July. Only a couple of weeks after the Village Show.

Can sell juice.

Could do something around harvest and recipes.

If we participate, it will normalise doing it in September which we don't want to encourage.

Decided against participating this year.

## Community Allotment

Mental health, social.

How would it work? Where? 4-5 people showed interest in library garden. Stoke Lane garden can struggle to get people. A whole allotment or even half plot is a big area to manage for many people. There are plots that are unused, but the council aren't aware of this and have long waiting lists. The council appears to be taking more action to check up on allotments. They are going through some sort of review process and we could feed into this. Build a pond!

Could ask at Village Show.

## **Supper Club**

Too difficult currently to get groups who are comfortable gathering indoors, so pause for now. Aim to do something around harvest time. Jane has another group who are keen who are going ahead.

## Harvest Meal/ Picnic

We could do another of our harvest meals that were in the Scout Hut, using home grown and foraged produce. We could consider this for this year, priority would be to find a cook. Could have people bring stuff they've cooked.

## **Balsam Bashing & River Trym**

Balsam bashing is going well. Growing about a foot a week. Areas that were done thoroughly are not showing any signs (yet!). Areas done late or less thoroughly have balsam again this year. Can grow away from the water. No point in having group activities yet as not yet enough balsam.

One place not done at all last year in Blaise, Jeremy stopped this being cleared. Pollen good for bees!

## **Litter Picking**

Bristol Waste are introducing a new system of street cleansing. They are going back to a system of having 90 rounds in the city with staff responsible for that area. This local person will be a liaison for litter picking rather than the central system we have now, they will therefore acquire better local knowledge.

Clover Ground area has always been a problem with lots of litter and fly tipping. Currently DoE project looking after it. There is now a group in that area looking to establish a round there. We could therefore apply for a grant to build up a community in another area i.e. Southmead through Eastfield group.

## **Library Garden**

Pat has done some weeding. Broad beans are doing well and probably ready to be harvested. Onions/leeks/garlic growing well.

## **WalkFest (1 May 22 - 31 May 22)**

This was successful. 3 walks were held in the Trym valley which were well received.

## **Village Show – September**

Sat 3rd September

2 minute film about wildlife in WoT. Peter Coleman-Smith is judging it – there could be other SusWoT judges.

## **AOB**

### Guides

Guides asked for an activity for 40 guides for an evening litter picking. Not enough litter for 40 of them, but could do balsam bashing or river cleaning, but not the whole group in one go, maybe 4 groups. Will need good supervision to make sure they do it properly.

Very small amount of litter in Stoke Lane, not enough balsam.

### Sea Mills and Combe Dingle

Repair shop happened and went well – 2nd Saturday. Need more fixers. Another one is starting in Eastville Library. Trying to make sure they are all on different Saturdays.

## Blaise Museum

Wed June 1. Trout in the Trym are having a stall at this event – need a couple more people to help.

## Working with WoTSoc to do flowers

WoTSoc collects money each year to fund street flowers in the village, which are maintained by the Parks Dept. Alex asked to have some in Stoke Lane. Parks Dept won't do this any more. Could SusWoT/WoTSoc identify locations for more permanent plants? Could they identify people close by to look after them? Question of water retention of peat-free compost. Find species that require less water.

## Trout in the Trym Art

There are postcards of a painting of a trout that was caught in the Trym.

## **AGM Thursday 30th June**

Apologies Tracey, Steve, Fran, ...