

# SusWoT AGM 30 June 2022 at 7.30pm – Minutes

## Attendees

Alex Dunn (Chair), Andrew Barnes, Richard Bennett, John Diwell, Sarah Fennell, David McGregor, Pat Meek, Bob Murphy, Richard Pedlar, Jane Stott, Liz Viggars (Treasurer)

## Apologies

George Banting, Fran Bragg (Secretary), Mike Crabbe, Jane Davies, Myra Jones, Jill Kempshall, Stephen Noreiko, Judith Sluglett, Teresa Stratford, Pam Stringer, Steve Tainton, Tracy Tainton,

## Opening remarks

Alex noted that the meeting was quorate and would be run in accordance with the SusWoT constitution.

No questions had been received about the minutes of the previous meeting. It was noted that these were not available.

## Chairperson's Report

The chairperson's report was presented and discussed:

- It was noted that the situation regarding flowers in the village was still unclear. However SusWoT would be happy to work with the Westbury on Trym Society to promote planting in the village.
- Alex outlined more detail about the potential shape of the Heat Pump Ready Project. SusWoT's involvement in a project of this scale (£1bn) could be a game-changer and there was consensus among the members that SusWoT should be fully engaged in the project.
- Opportunities to help with the running of SusWoT were discussed. There were no immediate volunteers to take on Parks H&S training or the role of Publicity Officer.
- It was noted that while SusWoT is doing a good job helping to keep the parks and roads clean, there were still issues with flytipping. Bob recently reported flytipping at Canford Park. The new tip arrangements were discussed – and the impact should be monitored. Those who have used the new booking system found it very easy.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed:

- Applying for further grants was discussed. SusWoT has applied for funds from the Council's Climate and Ecological Emergency Community Grant to buy further equipment to support river work along the Trym and Hazel Brook and improving other open spaces. With more kit we can engage more volunteers and support new groups in getting started. It was noted that any applications would be driven by an identified need for funding to deliver a specific project rather than the availability the other way round.

## Election of Officers

Alex, Fran and Liz had already offered to continue in their respective roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

The current officers were duly re-elected.

Attendees thanked the officers for their past and continued endeavours.

## AOB

Potential opportunities for tree-planting were discussed. It was noted that there has been significant activity in the wider area, with planting at Southmead Trym Valley, Sea Mills Trym Valley and Badocks Wood. It was recognised that any tree-planting activity needs to be supported by watering.

Affiliations with other organisations were discussed. SusWoT currently has just one affiliation – with the Wild Trout Trust – who supplied an initial report into the feasibility of the Trym river system. It was agreed that there was no demand to pursue formal affiliations for the sake of it.