

# SusWoT Monthly Meeting 30 June 2022 – 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

## Apologies

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

## Previous Minutes

No corrections were received to the previous minutes. These minutes then formed the basis of the meeting – updates below.

## Group Work

Three groups worked on projects over the Winter. Initial outputs in respect of Air Source Heat Pumps and Monitoring/Reporting have been made available on the SusWoT Website. Output from the third group (Food/Foraging) needs to be uploaded. **Action Alex** to request original PDFs from Mike for Group 3 work.

## Community Fair

The Community Fair took place in May following a two year break. The SusWoT stall took just under £400. It was noted that there did not seem to be as many people at the Fair this year.

## Get Growing

The formal Get Growing Trail is taking place on 17-18 September. SusWoT is not participating due to the timing (there is little to show at this time of year). SusWoT held its plant sale on 17 June and took around £180 (£168.22 in cash plus bank transfers).

The possibility of running a Community Allotment was discussed. This is something that might be feasible if there were sufficient volunteers to organise it and sufficient interest in the wider community. **Action: Andrew** will consider the possibility of giving over part of his allotment to the wider community and talk to Rob about whether this would be a feasible option. We will use our stall at the Village show to establish demand (**Action Alex**)

## Supper Club

Agreed that we should have some form of meal in September. This should be a Bring & Share event. We would prefer an indoor venue with some outside space due to the likelihood of poor weather. Eg the Village Hall, Great Bickeridge Scout Hut or Westbury College. **Action: Richard Bennett** to see if the Scout Hut may be available.

## Himalayan Balsam

There is far less Balsam so far this year than last, particularly where the Himalyan Balsam was removed prior to flowering and killed properly. Some members of the community are unhappy about the removal of the Balsam.

## Library Garden

Several volunteers look after the Library Garden and have recently harvested broad beans and leeks. The onions will be ready shortly.

Very little of the produce is being harvested by the community. We should consider letting people know when the veg is ready.

## Walk Fest

The Trout in the Trym project hosted three well-attended walks along the Trym during Walk Fest and expect to participate again next year.

## Village Show

The Village Show is on 3 September. SusWoT is sponsoring three classes – including the show's first video class.

92 A Plant or Produce grown from SusWoT seeds or plants

93 A Vegetarian Dish (sweet or savoury) where the main ingredient is home grown

*'Natural History of Westbury and the River Trym'* – a video  
Maximum Duration 2 Minutes

94 Send to suswot2050@gmail.com by 7pm Tues 30th August  
Entry Form & Fee to be in as usual by 5pm Tues 30th August

## Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Repair Café

The Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Climate Action Group have launched a repair café on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. The initial sessions have proved very popular.

## Blaise Museum

Blaise Museum held a wildlife-themed family-friendly activity day on the 1 June. Trout in the Trym volunteers ran a large stall at this event. The stall had three multimedia sections: An information stand including the TitT wildlife leaflet and information cards containing QR codes with links to the website, a TV for Roger to help people recognise bird songs, and a table for children to explore what could be found in a bucket of water from the river. Around 100 families engaged with the project. This was considered a successful outreach project and the team is looking at the possibility of running the stall at other events – eg the Westbury Village Show.

## Flowers

Hilary Long (WoTSoc) is establishing the position in respect of flowers for the village. We will wait to hear from her. We are happy to explore planting opportunities.

## AOB

Brentry Primary School are looking for plants to sell at their Fair on 9 July. Confirmed nothing suitable left from this year's growing season.