

SUSWOT STEERING GROUP MEETING

7:30pm, 14th November 2013, Alex's House

PRESENT

Alex Dunn, Mike Crabbe, Myra Jones, Fran Bragg, Jill Kempshall,

Apologies

Hattie Lupton, Richard Bennett

COMING UP

Christmas



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- Christmas produce market. No normal produce market in December, 4th Sunday is 28th. Traders will instead participate in village Christmas fair.
- WoT Christmas fair x2 – Sat 14 Dec.
 - Village centre - Myra spoke to organiser, Venit(i)a, our market will be part of this. Food stalls will be somewhere in High St, fair 2-6pm, setting up from 12pm when road is cleared (what time do cars need to leave site). Need our apple juice etc. Hattie, Mike, Myra, Jill. Likely in area of Post Office. Gas stove for hot ginger apple juice.
 - Stoke Lane – 10am-12pm. Alex could easily do this on a nice day (no gazebo) as it is across the road from home. Fran also to help here. Assess on day.
 - Potential extra helpers
 - Ask Hilary Field who has offered before on mailing list
 - Mary and Alf Cutts
 - SusWoT stall
 - Apple juice – hot ginger. Is there a gas stove we can borrow or should we just buy our own. Mike to investigate.
 - Newsletter
 - Wormery promotion.
 - Pledge Christmas tree – how to waste less at Christmas
 - How to recycle after Christmas? – SusWoT card. Send ideas to Mike.
 - Lighting.
 - Gazebo at village centre
- Christmas social. Thursday 19th. Post Office Tavern. 7:30pm.

CURRENT PROJECTS STATUS

Biodiversity

Biodiversity (FOBW)

Wildlife Park

We think this isn't happening

Bioblitz

Is this something we could organise for next summer? Did one in church yard a couple of years ago.

Food and Cultivation

Get Growing

More growers for varied crops, not just tomatoes needing greenhouse.

- Julian-Lea-Jones talk. May-ish, garden visit, or demonstration of kill-o-slug technology. Agreed that a visit or demonstration event is likely to be more popular than an evening talk. Contact Julian to discuss further for next spring.
- Street Orchards. Forest of Avon man, set up “orchard” by planting trees in neighbouring gardens in a street (pollination). What do these trees cost? How do they get planted and cared for? Many gardens are well-established in Westbury with plenty of trees already. Low community spirit. Can he advise on strategies?
 - Fruit trees for communities scheme - <http://forestofavontrust.org/category/free-trees-for-communities/>. This project seems to have run for a 8+ of years, the trees are supplied free of charge, the land owner must commit to the ongoing maintenance of the tree. This scheme is aimed at improving the local community, not at private gardens.
 - From email earlier in year – this appears to correspond to scheme above: A Street Orchard with trees going in to front gardens would be particularly good Garden Forest: Areas of low tree cover. Provide guidance to people re planting/species etc. Provide tree whips at 50p each. Provide rabbit guard. No stake required. Shallow rooted native trees. Need about 10 - 20 people in the same street. Maybe could do some free trees too if enough enthusiasm for the scheme - but unlikely.
 - Wholesale priced trees in Montpelier scheme - <http://forestofavontrust.org/2012/03/montpelier-street-orchard/>
 - From email earlier in year – this appears to correspond to scheme above: Garden Orchard. Need several houses in a group or a street to take part so can get cross-pollination. Need a tree every 30 metres. £20 a tree for front gardens or back gardens. Mix of fruit species available. Any ideas as to where they might approach? They would leaflet an identified area.
- Land Share. Can we go ahead and start a group, there seems to be demand for this idea. Jane Stevenson, she will know about council. Fran will set up a group within <http://www.landshare.net/> and investigate getting things going.

Local Food

Apple pressing @ market in Sept/Oct. Would need power supply for chopping machine. Need a chopper and a crusher. People bring own apples and bottles, National Trust bring equipment. October market.

Market

Christmas market? – see above.

November – also do hot ginger juice.

Wormeries

Susie Williams of Reedley Rd is keen to have a wormery.

Susie, Alex, Fran.

Some wormeries being offered for £5 by councils that retail for £95. Neighbourhood forum very keen. Bristol Green Capital funding. Green Capital are looking for ideas.

We pilot in 2014 with our 4 guinea pigs. 2015 – bid to Green Capital to invest in a bigger scheme in Westbury with local trained supporters. Mike to investigate bidding process. Could also investigate Neighbourhood Partnership funding.

Wormery page on website – can we simply use this page’s comments section as the blog?

- Get 4 for ourselves. Mike to order.
- Bid to NP3 for another 4. This will establish a precedent. Saves council on waste collection.
- Blog on wormery page in comments section.

<http://suswot.org.uk/wormeries>

Community Garden

Resource Use Reduction

Energy

Ecohome visit.

Investigate Bristol Energy Network. Is there anything we can connect into? <http://www.bristolenergynetwork.org/>

SusSwap

Promote Street Bank?

Surplus produce to stall.

Christmas present swap.

POTENTIAL NEW PROJECTS

LOCAL AREA

Other Events of Interest

Christmas fair – 14 Dec 2013 – see above

Planning and Neighbourhood Plan

- Green Capital Funding and Events
- NP Local Community Fund. Deadline 31 Jan 2014. Needs to be via a constituted group. Note that Henleaze councillors pointed out in recent mailing that due to council cuts it is unsure how much this fund will receive in future rounds, so might be a good idea to get in now.
 - <http://www.activenp.co.uk/well-being-grants/>
 - Note green slice in the first pie below is SusWoT.
 - <http://www.activenp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Pie-charts-showing-funding-distribution1.pdf>
 - >>> Wormeries
- NP priorities
 - http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/community_and_safety/neighbourhood_partnerships/What%20are%20your%20top%20priorities%20Henleaze%20Stoke%20Bishop%20and%20WoT_GSM%20%282%29.pdf

Transport

NP Transport fund – deadline 28 Feb 2014. Needs to be via a constituted group. <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/local-sustainable-transport-grants>

- pedestrianisation?
- one-off journey car share scheme - <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/transport-and-streets/ride-sharing>
- walking routes map through Westbury (a bit like cycle maps)

SUSWOT

Promotion – Events

- External events
 - compiling a list – will put on Google drive.
- Green drinks – Christmas social? – see above
- Schools

Promotion - Communications and Promotion

- Email
- Website, social media, new demographics
 - website has been updated a bit
 - more links – added autosignature to gmail directing people to look here, rather than forwarding loads of emails to them
 - swapped home and news pages so new posts appear on home page; home now “About”
 - wormeries
 - market photos
- Local publications
- Newsletter
- Leafletting

Finance

- Need a treasurer.
- Constitution

Steering Group

Tracy & Steve, Richard.

Meetings Schedule/ Dates of Next Meetings

Need to plan dates for next year.

- AGM 10 April 2014
- Eat WoT U Grow – 21/28 Sept

Steering Group

- 16 January 2014
- 13 March 2014