

# **SUSWOT STEERING GROUP - 28TH JANUARY 2016**

Present: Alex, David, Steve, Fran, Tim, Myra

Apologies : Jill, Mike

## **1. Review Jill's report of her meeting with George.**

- Discussed idea of people with large gardens being married up with those seeking allotments and he was very supportive of this and getting people to grow food generally. Follow up with encouraging message to mayor supporting food-growing initiatives.
- Jill did not ask George if he had worms.
- She also mentioned the previous idea about pedestrianisation.
- He is definitely aware of SusWoT .

## **2. Review the December fair**

- December fair went well. Very good sales of apple juice. Good spot outside Lloyds. Good visibility and PR. Good to do again.

## **3. Review where we are with the Mayor Hustings**

- Booked Newman Hall
- Contacted candidates
  - Response from Liberals
  - No response from Labour, Green, George
  - Contact Conservative election agent
- Effort to co-ordinate hustings, but not working, back to free for all, may need to send deputies.
- Try again to get on list. Sell our experience in these events and size of venue - NP3 general topics. Bring up with NP - Alan Aburrow.

## **4. Review where we are with the Transport Display for the Library, due in place 29 Feb, and put together an action plan to make sure it will be a success. David will present something on this.**

- Cabinet is 120 x 105 cm. Bit dark.
- Encourage people to use public transport. Pictures of new buses. Persuade people that buses are much better service than previously.
- Buses and trains mainly, with peripheral cycling, walking.
- Be more persuasive than informative.
- FAQs - why do people not use the buses and trains more? Many people in library will have bus passes.
- David is not happy to proceed given the uncertainty over the bus service following the mayoral election as Marvin Rees wants to take the buses back into public ownership.
- Alex, Mike and Steve are keen to go ahead.

## **5. There are potentially two fairs in May Sunday 22 and a Saturday in May 7, can't find a date on the Web probably 7<sup>th</sup> Plans?**

- Church Fair - Sat 7 May. Steve away first 2 weeks of May.
- Canford Fair - Sun 22 May. Venita - same as Christmas Fair. Myra away.
- Also Get Growing in early June.

## **6. Public SusWoT meeting February?**

- Not that different from a committee meeting, but can focus more thoroughly on a single project.
- ? Film night. Prophetic 1950s sci-fi film. Brian has always wanted to do a film night.
- Discussion evening around a topic. Say 3 topics with some preparation. Global issues > local outcomes. Ask Jo House <http://www.bris.ac.uk/geography/people/jo-i-house/index.html>. 25 Feb.
- Bring a friend.
- Eco high tech tomato growing ? UoB, Countryfile?

## **7. Seeds to buy and sow for plants to encourage Get Growing, what do we want to do?**

- Prepare for fruit bush promotion earlier in the year.
- Exciting new varieties of tomatoes.

## **8. Review the program of activities for the year.**

- Feb - discussion
- April - hustings, AGM
- May - 2 fairs

- June - Get Growing
- Sept - meal
- Nov - fruit bushes
- Dec - fair

## **9. AGM**

- April
- Scout hut, wine and cheese
- 40 mins AGM. Election of officers.
- Talk?

## **AOB**

- Waste and resources
  - Clarify recycling .e.g. mixed materials, clothes and shoes.
  - District by district stats.
  - Better here to focus on reduce, reuse rather than recycle. WoT is likely to be pretty good at recycling.
  - Any ideas for CD cases.
- Do we need an audit?
- Website.