

## Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

**Date :** 6.6.16      **Time:** 10.00am    **Location:-** Astbury Mere Visitor Centre.

**In attendance:** P.Pinto, B.Fox, M.Taylor, M.Smith, P.Minshull, S.Halliday, Dewi Jones, P.Aston, G.Williams, M.Axford & P.Ranson.

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<b><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></b> The meeting was chaired by P.Aston	
2.	<b><u>Apologies.</u></b> P.Hirst , S.Foster, P.Hall, M.Gartside	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (9.5.16)</u></b>  The notes from the last meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.  <b><u>Matters Arising were as follows:-</u></b> <b><i>Item 3. Apple Fest St Mary's.</i></b> Patti / PA / SH to work with St Mary's to develop an "Apple Adventure Day" in October close to National Apple Day. This is still to be confirmed, there are alternatives possible. Looking at the weekend 21 to 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.  <b><i>Item 3. School Orchard Survey</i></b> - PA / PP still to complete this piece of work.  <b><i>Item 5. Food &amp; Drink Festival</i></b> – PA has confirmed with Jo Money that CSG will need one stall. This will be near the bookies in Mill St, PA has acquired 12 straw bales to create a sitting area. The Old Saw Mill to be open during the event. Peter has requested some extra help to be able to cover both sites.	  <b>PP /PA /SH work up Apple Adv Day</b>  <b>PA/ PP school orchard survey</b>  <b>Help required for Food &amp; Drink Fest.</b>
4.	<b><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></b>  An item on Fracking was added to the agenda.	
5.	<b><u>Fracking – B.Fox.</u></b>	

	<p><i>Barry circulated a paper/update prior to this meeting.</i></p> <p>After discussion and some feedback on individuals views on the subject the following actions were agreed.</p> <p>PA/BF to get an article ready for The Chronicle within the next couple of weeks and circulate to CSG members for comment.</p> <p>PA to check with Andrew Thompson re his understanding of any national Fracking Legislation and the Governments stand point on the issue.</p> <p>The aim of the article will be to drive some local discussion around the subject with a view to sending findings / issues / concerns onto Cheshire East Cabinet</p>	<p><b>PA/BF Article for The Chronicle</b></p> <p><b>PA talk to Andrew Thompson</b></p>
6.	<p><b><u>Food &amp; Drink Festival 12.6.16</u></b></p> <p>Covered in matters arising from the last meeting.</p> <p>Help required to man both the stall and The Old Saw Mill, please let PA what support you can give.</p>	<p><b>Let PA know if you can help at F&amp;D Fest 12<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>
7.	<p><b><u>Congleton Community Co-operative - S.Halliday</u></b></p> <p><i><u>Reports issued by S.Halliday weekly including both a task and supply sheet so no need to further issue those.</u></i></p> <p><b>Further items discussed at the meeting:-</b></p> <p>Grand opening is still planned for 4<sup>th</sup> July, but can be moved back if circumstance dictate.</p> <p>A good source of paint supply has been found using the Burslem recycling centre community paint mechanism.</p> <p>A CHS student on a work experience scheme is doing a fantastic job in helping with the redecoration.</p> <p>PP has a design for the secret garden and will apply for funding support from William Dean Trust to support plants, soil and paving etc.</p>	<p><b>PP applying to William Dean</b></p>

	<p>The Old saw Mill will be open during Food &amp; Drink Fest, help in manning this will be most welcome.</p> <p>Thanks to all who supported the change of use / planning application.</p>	<p><b>Trust.</b></p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>Congleton Green Space Trust (Stand Alone Enterprise).</u></b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>In Bloom- P.Pinto</u></b></p> <p><i>Dates for the diary:-</i>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> May Britain In Bloom route check.</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> July Northwest In Bloom Judging (Tbc)</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> August Britain In Bloom judging day</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> October Britain In Bloom Awards (Birmingham)</b></p> <p>Patti has now visited most of the sites involved in the In Bloom Project, diary of activity below.</p> <p>4 May: helped to sow new wildflower meadow at AMCP</p> <p>5 May: In Bloom meeting</p> <p>6 May: planted more edibles at Community orchard</p> <p>7 May: Community orchard, recorded sculpture of apple core</p> <p>8 May: Seed swap Sunday at AMVC</p> <p>9 May: CSG monthly meeting, worked with Rangers on Fairground Garden (pm)</p> <p>11, 14 May: prep for &amp; children's tubs plant up</p>	

<p>13 May: prep for back to back gardens</p> <p>16 May: Community Garden, Bath House &amp; Physic Garden grps</p> <p>17 May: Jubilee Club at NLC; Tesco In Bloom, visit to store to discuss new planting in barked area (~10m x 24m) grasses, perennials and alpines. Contact Wendy; planted wildflowers at AMCP;</p> <p>12, 13, 28, 30, 31 May: Designing &amp; Planting Secret Garden at Old Saw Mill,</p> <p>22 May: Cong Park spring clean, potting on spare bedding form children's tubs</p> <p>23 May: collected day lilies from Anna.</p> <p>25 May: all day with NW in Bloom judge on mock BIB tour</p> <p>27 May: In Bloom meeting</p> <p>28 May: watering bedding at polytunnel</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> June: Clean for the Queen and Bus Station Plant up.</p> <p>Looking to site a BIKE Sculpture on Roundabout Park Lane / Brook St, various other Orange Bikes to be sited around town.</p> <p>MS chase up Simon Davies re the greening of Mountbatten Way.</p> <p><b>Publicity:</b> Photography &amp; Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to &amp; published by the Congleton Chronicle. PP continues to admin facebook pages [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free &amp; CSG, &amp; Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]</p>	<p><b>MS contact S.Davies.</b></p>
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<p>10.</p>	<p><b><u>Dane Valley Community Energy-Havannah Hydro.</u></b></p> <p>Looking to go ahead with the project, support has already been received from both Eaton Bank Academy and Siemens.</p> <p>Possible use an Archimedes Screw design</p> <p>PA working on applying for a second phase grant.</p> <p>PA has visited the Halton Loom project, they employed a skilled project manager who then directed local resource and resulted in a much reduced cost.</p> <p>S.Halliday to contact an acquaintance who has managed similar projects and put him in contact with PA.</p>	<p><b>PA work on 2<sup>nd</sup> phase grant</b></p> <p><b>SH contact acquaintance re Project mgmnt.</b></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b><u>Neighbourhood Plan Teams.</u></b></p> <p>Draft plan to be ready for end of June</p> <p>Public Consultation in September.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><b><u>Group Reports.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Commenting Team - P.Minshull</u></b></p> <p>1. Community Nature Park between Longdown Road and Black Firs Lane</p> <p>PM has submitted a response on behalf of CSG in support of the proposed Community Nature Park between Longdown Road and Black Firs Lane. This is part (?) of the land bequeathed to the RSPB and forms part of the Richborough development off Back Lane. The Park would be operated by Somerford PC and RSPB will help with setting up and provide any advice during its operation. I have offered the services of CSG in regard advice/help in setting up and running; also in providing advice on suitable walking and cycling routes (no vehicular access is proposed).</p> <p>2. Cheshire East BC Local Plan</p>	

We are still waiting to hear if our responses have been accepted and if we will be invited to attend any of the hearings (attendance is by invitation from the Inspector). It has been reported that CEBC has received over 20,000 responses and this will take some time to process and report to the Inspector.

### 3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

PM and DJ met with Andrew Thomson and Andrew subsequently produced a set of Transport and Communications policies; these were sent round the full group for comment and these comments have now been received. PM and DJ attended the latest Steering Group meeting. PM continues to help residents of Timbersbrook with traffic surveys to assist in developing measures to manage traffic through the village and beyond.

### 4. Congleton Tour of Britain

PM attended the Tour of Britain planning meeting on behalf of CSG.

### **Eco Schools – P.Pinto**

**We have 9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.**

Astbury, Bosley, Daven & Havannah have lapsed to silver but working on GF topics now);

W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver, all working towards GF. 12 Schools due to apply or renew their Green Flag status in 2016.

Saint Mary's & Smallwood, both awarded 4<sup>th</sup> Green Flags on Friday 22 April (Earth Day)

May: **Buglawton** (renewal in, assessment date is 6 July);

June: Scholar Green July: Black Firs & The Quinta; Nov: Marfields & Mossley

Note: Cheshire East JRO finals will be on 30 June, Crewe

**P.Ranson to  
chase up Daven**

Weekly garden club at Saint Mary's,  
eco at Saint Mary's - Rocket science sessions (6/5, 9/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5)

20 May: Visit to Havannah re eco-schools and green flag

24 May: eco cluster meeting at Saint Mary's

**Apple Juice.**

140 bottles left to sell at F&D

PA to think how we might do a special cider brew for The Tour Of Britain.

**Treasures Report.**

Issued prior to the meeting, funds available £2287.18

**Carbon Reduction – M.Taylor**

*Minutes of recent carbon reduction meeting at Old saw Mill*

***Carbon Reduction Of The Sawmill, (CROTS) Project***

Ideas: Insulation, LED lights, Rainwater harvest, Bio-liquid/oil, Log burner, Solar PV, Sun tube and Heat pumps recorded on excel project plan attached.

Monthly Watt Watch raw data sheet attached, in order to monitor energy use in Sawmill from day 1 and plot versus hours used.

It is expected that over time, (months) as we improve energy efficiency of the Sawmill, a reduction in carbon dioxide emitted, should be noted.

Photo of electricity meter reading taken and info entered on Monthly Watt Watch, MW2 chart.

Planning application to change use of Sawmill from industrial to Congleton Co-op closed with comments Friday 27/5/16. Town Council to consider Thursday 2/6/16, then to Cheshire East for final stamp by 28/6/16.

Can Cheshire Fire Service carry out fire risk assessment asap and provide advice on escape routes and for disabled people?

Who to carry out structural survey on Sawmill or do we know anyone?

Can trees on north boundary be removed after nesting season?

Congleton Co-operative Independence Day, 4/7/16, hopefully when cafe opens. Need insurance. Will it be under CSG or independently?

Carbon Reduction, CR, quick hits:

- LED lighting, Matt Bradley demonstrated LED lighting using 46w warm white tube, 1600 lumens, saving 60% over old fluorescent tubes. It was agreed LED's are the future for Sawmill in CR quest!
- Inside insulation to be investigated, but need structural survey first to see if walls can support this.

Other CR considerations:

Wood burning stove, heat pumps, existing short term oil heating upstairs only at the moment.

- Buy green electricity
- Need info on modern electric storage radiators
- Any use of Sun tube in Sawmill to improve lighting in dark areas?
- Heat pumps, air or ground?

***Other notes***

What ventilation for cooking areas?

What funding is available for above projects?

Solar panels for sunken garden at rear of Sawmill?



	<p>What arrangements for wi-fi and high speed broadband?</p> <p><i>Other comments at the meeting:-</i></p> <p>Update to be provided monthly on the CROTS project.</p> <p>Monthly Watt watch sheet to monitor energy usage. Add water usage to the sheet.</p> <p>Look to find ways of monitoring Oil usage</p> <p>A key driver would be not to use Oil, look at Chip Fat conversion?</p> <p>PA has approached Bulb / Good Energy re buying electricity from renewable sources.</p> <p><b><u>Cycling Campaign – P.Hall</u></b></p> <p>In Peter’s absence PA briefed the meeting on an event planned for Sat 4<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Congleton Cycling Club is organising a Tour Of Britain promotional/charity ride called “Cheshire East Tour of Britain Charity Sportive”. This will be an 86 mile ride over some of the ToB route raising fund for North West Air Ambulance and Children’s Adventure Farm Trust.</p>	<p><b>Aim to record both Water and oil usage.</b></p>
12.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p><b>PA.</b> Advised the meeting that news feeds indicated that 405 of the worlds’ electricity was being produced from renewable sources.</p> <p><b>BF.</b> Discussed the differences between Methane and Carbon Dioxide and the length of time it influenced global warming.</p> <p><b>PP.</b> Some U3A members are holding an Open Garden Weekend 9/10<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Meeting closed at 11.50pm .</b></p>	

	<i>Next Meeting:- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at The Old Saw Mill (tbc)</i>	
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