

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date :14.5..18 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), M.Smith, Dewi Jones, ,S.Foster, B.Fox , P.Pinto, G.Williams, P. Ranson,A.Linnet.

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting and welcomed new member Adam Linnet from Cheshire Wildlife Trust.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>M.Gartside, D.Brown, P.Hirst, P.Minshull.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (26.3.18)</u></p> <p>Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting, matters arising issues covered on the mail agenda.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as issued</p>	
5.	<p><i>Plastic.</i></p> <p>MS to recirculate Ruth (Wilmslow) 20 things we can do list. Would all please review the list and feedback ideas to MS for collation and then discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>In Bloom looking to be more upfront about the issue.</p> <p>GW to pull out positive data regarding Cheshire East’s home collection/ recyclables.</p>	<p>MS recirculate 20 things list. All feedback ideas to MS</p> <p>GW get CEBC data.</p>

	<p>Need to get an article together for The Chronicle after the next meeting to start to raise Congleton's awareness of this issue. Whilst what we do will be a drop in the ocean, doing nothing was not an option.</p> <p>Long term this an issue we can work with our MP on.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Planning application in 18/0773M</p> <p>Lots of questions being asked by planners that will all need addressing before planning permission can be granted, site meeting this week.</p> <p>Access to the site to get equipment down to the build is currently the biggest problem. We have 3 options that are being explored.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>Plan has now ready to go CEBC for Reg 15.</p> <p>Once the inspector/examiner has studied it any queries/ questions will come back to our team for action.</p> <p>Looking at an autumn/September public referendum. It is felt that The partnership may have a role to play here in lifting both public awareness and participation.</p> <p>DJ made a point that he is no longer involved in the River Valley Project, but that this should be part of the overall delivery plan once the NHP has been formalised.</p>	
8.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></p> <p>Sold over £1000 of stock at the last 4 market events, with another 4 events coming up we may well run out of AJ</p>	

	<p>during July. Plan may be to produce more AJ than Cider this year to balance out the demand for both products.</p> <p>Storage space could well become a problem this year as early indications are for a bumper crop, although this will be confirmed later in the summer as the fruit sets.</p> <p>Development pending on Cider Vinegar.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p><u>No official report</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>P.Ranson to raise with John Cockell the issue of ethical/ organic good practice policy. Particularly the use of pesticides.</p>	<p>P.Ranson contact J.Cockell</p>
10.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>New cycle group set up to work with The National Trust in developing a mountain bike track across The Cloud.</p> <p>P.Hall reports:-</p> <p><i>“We have a meeting with Clair Visco on Thursday 17 to put forward our plans for a Congleton Cycling Plan. This has come as a result of efforts from Campaign members and is influenced by the Sustrans report commissioned by the Campaign with Partnership financial support.</i></p> <p><i>There is a consultation in progress for a new CE Transport Plan. Consultation finishes in late June and there is an exhibition in Congleton Town Hall on 8 June between 14.00 and 19.00. It is hoped that interested parties can supply information to guide how this Plan will be formed.</i></p> <p><i>Also the Biddulph Valley Way leaflet being produced by Sustrans with support from the Town Council will be published soon. Hopefully copies at the next meeting of CSG”.</i></p>	
11.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>April:</p>	

	<p>CSG meeting</p> <p>In Bloom meetings</p> <p>Working on or advising groups for numerous In Bloom projects throughout the month including Bradwell Court, West Rd, Jubilee Club, Saint Mary's primary,</p> <p>May (1-13th)</p> <p>Tour of draft BIB route with NWIB judge Mel Kirby</p> <p>In bloom meeting (feedback on judge's draft tour)</p> <p>CSG meeting</p> <p>Bradwell Court</p> <p>Tatton blooming border garden</p> <p>Publicity:</p> <p>Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle.</p> <p>PP continues to admin facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & CSG, Old Saw Mill & Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace.</u></p> <p>Potential site at Mossley water tower.</p> <p>PP to organise a consultation with local residents as to their views of an orchard being developed there.</p> <p>Once this has been carried out, if required GW will assist with obtaining permissions.</p>	<p>PP local consultation.</p> <p>GW to help with permissions.</p>

13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco Schools – P.Pinto</i></p> <p>Note: 14 GF schools in C.East 12 GF schools in CW&C 9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>Due to renew 2017-18, now defaulted to silver: 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3rd GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF). 2018 5th GF: Saint Mary's (renewal submitted, awaiting assessment date) & Smallwood (preparing to submit renewal,) Buglawton (6 July 3rd GF, may not renew) Marlfields (1 Dec 2018, 6th GF. 2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF). Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver. Some new eco coordinators appointed. Renewal form now easier to complete. Advising both Smallwood & Saint Mary's on GF renewal.</p> <p><i>Commenting Team.</i></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>The group asked for P.Minshull to do his usual overview report on Cheshire East's Local Transport Plan consultation document, and send his ideas/ suggestions around the group for feedback before submitting to CEBC on CSG's behalf.</p> <p>Consultation ends on Mon 25th June. https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/LTPResponse</p> <p>No CSG action required on Capitol Walk planning application (18/1718c), individuals to comment on their own behalf.</p> <p><i>Cycling report.</i> See Cycle Path Plans.</p> <p><i>Apple Juice/ Cider</i></p>	
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	<p>See OSM report.</p> <p>Balance Sheet (sent 28th Feb)</p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised. Actual funds available £1069.25 (Latest report available)</p> <p>Food4 Free</p> <p>No report issued</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017</p> <p>SLIC courses</p> <p>PA looking to organise a SLIC course at OSM , BF to contact M.Stevens for dates. New SLIC book being printed ready for the courses in the autumn.</p>	<p>BF contact M.Stevens</p>
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Local Compost Project.</p> <p>Need to discuss the project with Ruth Burgess before progressing, GW to action this.</p> <p>Once agreed PP to talk to D.Jones re using the 2 lads on a Thursday to help construct the pallet/compost bins.</p> <p>“Working with your MP”.</p> <p>PA happy to take F.Bruce through our projects. PA/MG/Bf to put a joint paper together with a view to getting a date in her diary by the end of July.</p>	<p>GW discuss with Ruth.</p> <p>PP talk to DJ re “Thursday lads”</p> <p>PA/MG/BF paper and date in FB diary, end July.</p>

<p><i>Air Quality Workshop Cheshire East – BF.</i></p> <p>BF commented that he is attending an Air Quality Workshop being run by CEBC on 4th June. Add a discussion/ agenda item to our meeting 4th June, before BF goes to the meeting later that day.</p> <p><i>Adam Linnet- Cheshire Wildlife Trust.</i></p> <p>May be able to offer support on the Apple Picking Project (Sept/Oct) and River Valleys Project</p>	<p>Add Air Quality Item to next agenda.</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p> <p>Mon 4th June 2018 , The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	