

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 8.01.19 **Time:** 5pm **Location:- The Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), M.Gartside, R. James, S.Foster B.Fox, P.Pinto, A.Linnet, P.Hall, Dewi Jones and G.Williams,.

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting and welcomed Rowena James to her frist meeting and the first evening meeting designed to attract more members of CSG</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>S Akers Smith, M.Axford, P Hirst, P.Minshull, P.Ranson and M.Smith.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (5.11.18)</u></p> <p>Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising.</i></p> <p>Item 5. PA to discuss with D.McGifford / J.MacArthur possibility of s visit to UPM at Shotton in the new year.</p> <p>Item 10 PR still to discuss issues re ethical/organic good practices at the allotments.</p>	<p>PP to discuss with JMc CE Waste Volunteers have a visit in Feb, tie the 2 together?</p> <p>PR to talk to John Cockell</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>Agenda taken as written.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Plastic.</u></p>	

	<p>MS had circulated the messages going out in next Bear Necessities.</p> <p>CSG supporting :-</p> <p>(1) Getting a definitive message from ANSA re all plastic going into the GREY/SILVER bins. (2) Using Bear Necessities to put out a regular consistent message (tips/Ideas/alternatives etc). (3) Working with our MP to put pressure on Central Government. (4) Look to hold a joint CTC/CSG event in early 2019, - much discussion about wire mesh bear litter bins:</p>	<p>JMc? Done PJA PP to talk to Rejuvenate; PA to raise at next P&F mtg; GW to talk to ANSA about practicalities.</p>
6.	<p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <p>PA spoken to AirMonitors.co.uk and now has information on better monitor systems cost about £6K.</p> <p>Much discussion ensued as to best way forward, agreed to get CEC officer to next mtg</p>	<p>GW</p>
7.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Planning application in 18/5811M (new application number)</p> <p>Lots of supportive comments on planning portal, mtg with Eaton Parish Council 9.01.18, Planning application to go to Planning Committee mtg on 15th March, agreed with planning officer that decision notice will be issued 48 hours later, this should allow OFGEM FITs process time, fingers crossed!</p>	
8.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>DJ reported that Inspectors comments were available, from a Sustainability perspective he'd commented on inconsistent use of terminology when referring to green space, NP Steering Group meeting to finalise document for referendum to be held prior to election purdah.</p> <p>We still need to put together a delivery plan to support our policies.</p>	

9.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></p> <p>OSM have just received 250kg of cider apples from local farmer!</p> <p>Christmas had been a great success, café had a strong start to 2019.</p> <p>AGM to be held 18th Jan, all members welcome</p>	
10.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p>John Cockell had invited OSM and CSG to consider establishing a community orchard at Vale Allotments</p>	<p>Dewi Jones, Margaret Gartside and Patti</p>
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Suzie continues to push politicians to support Congleton Cycling plans with funds</p> <p>Developer failures wrt to Congleton Masterplan continue</p> <p>Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure plan has awarded Congleton small amounts of funding for very minor changes.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace.</u></p> <p>At the next meeting we need to form a subgroup to take this project forward.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p>	

Eco schools: 7 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.

2018 5th GF: Marlfields (awaiting assessment date for 6th GF).

2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF).

Now defaulted to silver: due in 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3rd GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF). Buglawton July 2018.

Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have also lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver.

GF Renewal form now easier to complete, new website & lots of new resources from 1 Oct 2018 (KBT eco-schools)

Working on Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Eco (energy saving & waste recycling, global goals), gardening & orchard clearing blackthorn.

Transport eco topic: Sustainable methods of travel, including travel plans, bikeability, walking to school etc, MODESHIFT STARS programme researched; meeting with SAS & Congleton schools Tues 8 Jan. I have seen this programme produce wonderful results in Staffs & Birmingham where it is in use.

Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:

3 Dec: CSG meeting

3 Dec: WDT meeting applications for two schools/bloom projects successful (£950 gardening training in schools, £600 West Rd Suffragette garden project)

4 Dec: Congleton Partnership meeting

5 Dec: planting ferns at the park with IYN FoCP & vols

11 Dec: gardening at Margaret's Place (with Kirsty) E, 500 crocuses for Rotary

12 Dec: Ast Mere Care Home, observing flower arranging by volunteer with residents; planting ~500 crocuses and 100 tulips at Heathview, with residents, CIB team (GW, MG, PP) & Yr 2 Quinta

19 Dec: Delivering CIB certificates to those who children couldn't attend at Friendly Faces Christmas celebrations

Selling CIB calendars (U3A, Hort Soc, school etc)

Publicity:

Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton

<p>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 & Congleton Park pages]</p> <p>Commenting Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National Parks Consultation <p>As agreed at the December meeting PM has finalised and submitted a response from CSG to the consultation on National Parks. Although not expected, to date, no acknowledgement or response has been received since the closing date of 20th December.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Planning applications <p>PM continues to review the weekly list of planning applications from CEBC but since the Local Plan has been adopted there has been little to concern the CSG.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><i>Cycling report.</i></p> <p>No more to report.</p> <p><i>Apple Juice/ Cider</i></p> <p>See OSM report.</p>	
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	<p>Balance Sheet</p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Food 4 Free</p> <p>As Val has now retired the group is becoming more active, currently working on new information signage for the Capitol Walk site.</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report.</p> <p>SLIC courses now complete.</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Working with our MP. Adam to give us the date for mtg with FB to discuss Environmental Bill</p> <p>Local Compost Project. DJ to make up another one when help is available</p> <p>Cheshire Wildlife Trust. Adam to discuss his forward plans on Community Orchards.</p> <p>Meeting times: agreed to alternate monthly Monday morning 10am at AMVC; Tuesday evening 5pm at OSM</p>	<p>Adam Linnet</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>Next Meeting:- Mon 4th February 2019, Astbury Mere Visitors Centre ,10am.</p>	<p>Peter Hall gave his apologies</p>