

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 2.7.19 **Time:** 5pm **Location:-** The Old Saw Mill.

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), Suzie Akers-Smith, P.Pinto, H. Seddon, Ro James, O. Whitmore, Matt Axford, S.Foster, B.Fox, A.Linnet, Peter Hall, Dewi Jones, P.Ranson, Barry Speed, Jonathan Sutton and Glen Williams.

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> Peter Aston chaired the meeting.	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> M.Gartside, and M.Smith.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting (3.6.19) and matters arising</u> Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting. <i>Matters Arising.</i> <i>Item 3. Local Compost Project.</i> Still to be actioned, carry over. All other matters will be picked up on the body of the agenda.	 DJ
4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> Agenda taken as written.	
5.	<u>New Town Council Sustainability Initiatives</u> PA explained that he had presented the draft Congleton Green paper to the Communities and Environment Meeting, the principle of which was well received. It was agreed to form a sub-group between CSG and Congleton Town Councillors to discuss initiatives. PA to organise. Volunteers from CSG: Heather, Matt, Steve, Barry, Peter H and Glen.	

6.	<p><u>Plastic.</u> Heather keen to champion a Congleton version of national campaign 'Surfers against Sewage'. PA to send Heather Barry's papers on plastic. PA will circulate Heather's papers 'Surfers against Sewage'</p>	<p>PA PA and HS</p>
7.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u> Civil engineering surveys continue, aim is for completion 2020. Adam happy to help with Woodland Management Plan</p>	<p>Adam/Peter A</p>
8.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u> Sustainability words to be rethought, waiting for David McGifford to arrange meeting of Sus and Env group plus others.</p>	<p>PA</p>
9.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u> OSM company likely to change from IC to Benefit Society with Charitable Aims so that Community Shares can be created to raise funds to purchase the property. Apple harvest approaching: volunteer army to be organised: Adam and Matt may be able to help. DJ&PR to put a volunteer plan together and discuss. Storage of bottles and apple juice discussed, Peter Hall and Adam may be able to find space.</p>	<p>DR/PR PH/AL/DJ/PR</p>
10.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u> Wall repairs complete.</p>	

	Open Day being planned.	John Cockell
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Suzie now CEC walking and cycling champion.</p> <p>Chelford Road/Back Lane issues around potential flooding.</p> <p>5 Towns Walking Trail – close to being published, needs reconciling with Link Road plan, suggested Steve approaches Grahams directly. Potential conflict footpath and Sandy Lane: SF to discuss with Jenny Butler CEC.</p>	<p>SAS</p> <p>PH/SAS</p> <p>SF</p>
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>Judging wc 8th July.</p> <p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace – Adam Linnet</u></p> <p>Adam is now Wild Communities Officer covering Cheshire East, he currently has 2 local project (will send detail to MS for circulation) and is looking for my projects locally. Community Orchards are of particularly interest and the Mossley Project ideas could fit well in this.</p>	<p>For info</p>
13.	<p><u>Working with the MP</u></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	<p>For info</p>
14.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco schools:</i> 4 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>2019 schedule: <i>Mossley (July renewal application, 5th GF). Now defaulted to silver: The Quinta, Scholar Green, Marton, Black Firs, Buglawton. Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven, but working on GF topics; W. Well, EBA, CHS remain on silver.</i></p> <p>2020 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (6th GF) 2021 Marlfields (7th GF)</p> <p>Buglawton will be restarting Eco in Sept with new Head teacher.</p>	

<p>Working with Saint Mary's Catholic Primary: Eco (grounds, waste, recycling & litter). Explaining & planting seeds with yrs 1 & 2.</p> <p>17/6 GF Assessment at Cheshire Primary school for KBT; advice to another Cheshire school on renewal applications. Weekly : Working with adult volunteer via CE Nick Lane at Saint Mary's grounds</p> <p>13/6 Learning through landscapes, CPD training, wildlife in school grounds conference</p> <p>Delivering bamboo for Quinta sunflower challenge</p> <p>Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG: 11 & 18/6 meeting with MA at AMVC re In Bloom 12/6 WRV at Congleton town hall, upcycling awards 17/6: working with beavers at Congleton park; WDT grant meeting 18/6: In Bloom meeting 19/6: working with Buglawton in bloom team and local cubs 20/6 Gov training, SEND</p> <p>info board for Capitol Walk Garden with Food4free group, sent for printing June: U3A gardening group typically Monday & Fridays, some Sat & Sundays on In Bloom sites - Elizabeth's Garden, West Rd; Community Gardens, Margaret's Place. Throughout June: Redrafting routes for NWIB (IYN & town entry); discussing, planning & growing for Tatton 2019 Blooming Border. Preparing for Back to back gardens 2019 (organising back boards purchase & delivery; preparing in the tunnel): checking on progress for Wheelbarrow Challenge; all now delivered to 17 participating groups, including 10 pre-schools/nurseries. Photos of park & sites around Congleton.</p> <p>Publicity: Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle. PP continues to admin/edit facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & CSG, Old Saw Mill, Saint Mary's Garden Club, Buglawton in Bloom, Friends of Congleton Park & Congleton Park pages]</p> <p>Commenting Team</p>	
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	<p>Nothing to report</p> <p><i>Cycling report.</i></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><i>Apple Juice/ Cider</i></p> <p>See OSM report.</p> <p><i>Balance Sheet</i></p> <p>No change, current balance £5353.31</p> <p><i>Carbon reduction group report.</i></p> <p>Barry appealed for help delivering the SLIC courses.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>CSG could press for a Community Woodland: will include in Congleton Green initiatives</p> <p>Hedgehogs signs available</p> <p>Hedges on Mountbatton Way!</p> <p>Congleton East-West Greenway: include in Congleton Green initiatives</p> <p>Working with other Sustainability Groups: PA reported activity in response to CEC initiative to be Carbon Neutral by 2025 which he will follow up as plans become clearer.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>Adam</p> <p>All</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p>

	Next Meeting:- Monday 5th August at Astbury Mere Visitor Centre at 10am.	
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