

## Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

**Date :** 8.12.20    **Time:** 6.00pm    **Location:-** Zoom Meeting.

**In attendance:** **P Aston (Chair)**, M.Smith, M.Gartside, B.Fox, P.Hall , O.Whitmore, A.Linnet, A.Bolding, P.Pinto, A.Melville , J.Sherwood  
.A.Aitchenson, P.Hirst, G.Williams, M.Axford, S.Foster.

Guest Helen ( Transition Bollington Group)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<b><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></b> Peter Aston chaired the meeting.	
2.	<b><u>Apologies.</u></b> K.Wesley, L.Hargreaves, P.Minshull, B.Speed, M.Gartside (joined late after CTC meeting),H.Morley, J.MacArthur	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting (6.10.20) and matters arising</u></b>  Peter opened the meeting by introducing Helen from Transition Bollington, and had a quick intro to her by the rest of the group.  <b><i>Matters Arising from 2.11.20</i></b> <b>Item 3.Tree Group</b> Report from the group later.  <b>Item 3. P.Hirst Letter to the Chronicle / PA letter to the Chronicle.</b> On hold until CT have held their meeting on the subject.  <b>Item 3. Partnership website.</b> PA and PP still to work on updating the Sustainability Group front page.  <b>Item 8. Social media Code of Conduct.</b> New Communications and Social Media Policy waiting adoption of the Partnership Executive.  <b>Item 8. Herbicides / Glyphosate.</b> Working group Chair Andrew Melville to call a meeting shortly with the people who have declared an	<b>AM</b>

	<p>interest in the subject.</p> <p><b>Item 5. Sharon Trubshaw – Groundwork.</b> Jackie Mac to look to do a feature on this in the next issue of Bear Necessities. J Mac contact ST prior to the next edition.</p> <p>Sharon to send MS a leaflet / flyer to support her activity, MS to circulate across the group (done 2.11.20)</p> <p><b>Item 9 – Local Transport Plan.</b> J.Mac to check on CEC's consultation on Local transport Plan – Delivery Plan, which she believes should be active during Nov/Dec. CTC meeting tonight 8.12.20 , consultation finishes end Jan 2021.</p> <p><b>Item 6 – Congleton Green E Learning Project.</b> Fortnightly meeting being held to work on text. 2 of the 7 sections now completed</p>	<b>J.Mac</b>
4.	<p><b>Approval of the Agenda.</b> Taken as issued.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Congleton Green:</u></b></p> <p>No report for this meeting</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Virtual CSG / making more noise.</u></b></p> <p>PA / MA have had a dummy run interview / presentation. PA not convinced or comfortable with the current situation He and Matt to investigate / discuss the idea further. Actual Green fayre in the diary for the end of may 2021, will need to see how the Covid / vaccine situation develops. Town hall booked as provisional.</p>	<b>PA / MA</b>
7.	<p><b><u>Air Quality Monitoring.</u></b></p> <p>Barry's email prior to the meeting - Air Quality Monitoring. <i>There is a fault on the sensor that has stopped any monitoring for the time being. I am promised a fix from the supplier within the next few weeks.</i></p> <p><i>East Cheshire Climate Alliance. A matrix spreadsheet of 'climate actions' across CE Councils is being put together. I have supplied some of the entries that I know about for Congleton.</i> Issues raised at the meeting was In Doors A Q particularly in kitchens and the possibility</p>	

	that long term a better piece of kit may be required, expensive but could be shared across The Alliance.	
8.	<b><u>Herbicide Group.</u></b> Andrew to call a meeting of the group before Xmas, report back at the next meeting.	AM
9.	<b><u>East Cheshire Climate Alliance.</u></b> Andrew reported that the group now has links with Crewe and Nantwich, but still find some difficulty in engaging with Cheshire East.	
10.	<b><u>Partnership Website.</u></b> Peter asked Mike to get some stats regarding hits from Cathy, then he would give thought to improving the CSG page/offering. PP reported that the facebook page was still available, but better to use the OPEN facebook page as just liking the page will give people regular information about the group. Could put this message in Bear Necessities, PP to send details	MS PP
11.	<b><u>Group Reports.</u></b> <i><b>Plastic.</b></i> – J.Sherwood No actual report given at the meeting, some work was still be carried out regarding pharmacies.  <i><b>Hydro Scheme DVCE.</b></i> A monthly newsletter is available from <a href="http://www.congletonhydro.co.uk/news">http://www.congletonhydro.co.uk/news</a> just visit this website and subscribe.  The screw has arrived on site and is ready for positioning. Some holdup because of a discovery of a stone Victorian wall that runs diagonally through the screw box. This will delay the project between 3 to 4 weeks. Power generation now expected late Jan early Feb .	



	<p>19/11: Innovation for food resilience (zoom conference)</p> <p>24/11: Composting plastics webinar</p> <p>24/11: Friends of Cong Park meeting</p> <p>25/11: Economics of species rich meadows</p> <p>26/11: trees for Congleton (zoom)</p> <p>28/11: Tree charter festival 2020 (Virtual, lots of info about trees)</p> <p>20/11 New facebook page set up 'Trees for Congleton', 51 page likes achieved 6/12/20</p> <p>No Nov gardening due to broken ankle!</p> <p>Prep for CIB calendar &amp; certificates for volunteers, press releases</p> <p><b>Publicity:</b></p> <p><u>Since lockdown</u>, videos of various sites taken &amp; shared via Facebook.</p> <p>PP continues to admin/edit facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc</p> <p>[Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free &amp; CSG, Saint Mary's Garden Club, Buglawton in Bloom, Friends of Congleton Park, Congleton Park, Trees for Congleton pages]</p> <p><b><i>The Green Living group.</i></b></p> <p>Barry has just completed a course with 7 out of the 10 going the full distance.</p> <p><b><i>Active Travel.</i></b></p> <p>Cheshire East are consulting on the Local Transport and Parking Plan from 23 November until 31 January 2021. Please make comments via the CE website at</p> <p><a href="https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/local-transport-and-car-parking-">https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/local-transport-and-car-parking-</a></p>	
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ATC have a plan to put signs up in Hightown and West Heath to demonstrate the quietest routes to the local shops in an attempt to encourage more people to leave their cars at home for short journeys. The plan is to add signs to recommended routes and to post map based leaflets through letterboxes, because many people make the short journey to Hightown and West Heath shops in their cars, to buy a paper or packet of cigs.

Ant Bolding of ATC met with the Police and Crime Commissioner, David Keane, and an officer from the Road Crimes Unit of Cheshire Police and we are pleased to say that Cheshire Police have agreed to start an ongoing “close pass” programme in Congleton starting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The close pass programme is a combination of education and enforcement to help make Cheshire roads safer after there have been 5 deaths and 45 seriously injured people on bicycles this year in Cheshire.

Paul Emms of ATC has compiled a list of housing developments in Congleton where it appears that S106 monies were promised to CE as part of the planning applications but where little or no provision has been delivered eg Astbury Place Bridge. There are numbers of hundreds of thousands of £ promised. Has this money been given to CE and will be returned if the works are not done? We have S A-S working on trying to find out the current situation.

Sustrans volunteers met with Graham, contractor on the Link Road, to clarify that cycling and walking access to all roads intersected by the Link Road, will be delivered as originally promised. We had a meeting on Wednesday 25 November at Moss Lane and we agreed, on the spot, to modify the junction with Moss Lane and the old Manchester Road to give more direct access to the Link Road cycle path.

PH has written to all primary schools regarding the “School Streets” project, as of yet he has not had a single reply. Will now approach school governors for support.

20's plenty, meeting shortly in Cheshire East to discuss the issue of 20mph speed limit in all of the towns estate/ non through roads within Cheshire East's . Peter to circulate the link. **Sent out to the group 9.12.20**

	<p><b><i>The Old Saw Mill</i></b></p> <p>Peter reported that the café was open again with varying trading being done. Meals on Wheels service now delivering 55 meals, with a planned Xmas Eve delivery of Xmas Lunches. The Old Saw Mill is involved with the Xmas Cares project, with 800 gift packs being delivered across the town. The recent Rode hall market was the best ever for sales.</p> <p>New share scheme is being introduced, current members are being contact this month.</p> <p><b><i>Trees for Congleton</i></b> – Matt axford.</p> <p>The grant from Northern Forest Innovation Fund plus match funding should be sufficient to see 30,000+ trees planted in the area. The challenge is to find enough suitable land on which to plant. Hopefully this work, led by Cheshire Wildlife Trust will get underway early in the New Year.</p> <p>The group now has a facebook page: <a href="https://facebook.com/Trees-for-Congleton">facebook.com/Trees-for-Congleton</a></p> <p>We have also received publicity in the Chronicle and on Hub News</p> <p>A number of trees have recently been planted in Congleton Park</p> <p>A number of residents have let us know of trees they have planted in their gardens which have been added to our database</p> <p>Matt has taken on the administration of the group email account <a href="mailto:treesforcongleton@gmail.com">treesforcongleton@gmail.com</a> and is now overseeing the database</p> <p>We have had a volunteer come forward in the group who will be looking at measuring the carbon capture potential of the initiative.</p> <p>Consultation is about to go live for planting schemes at Windsor Place and Lower Heath Play Area. We continue to have the support of Cheshire East Council and the Town Council in our endeavours and are advancing plans at a further 18 sites within the town.</p> <p>New links have been made with tree planting initiatives in Alsager, Knutsford and Wilmslow</p>	
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10.	<p><b><u>AOB.</u></b></p> <p><b>In Bloom Calendar-</b> Patti advised the group that the In Bloom 2021 Calendar is now on sale in the TIC, any profit going back into improving the Community garden.</p> <p><b>Pollution Absorbent Paint.-</b> Olga raised the issue of the non effectiveness of the paint currently used at sites around the town, and how green walls would be more effective. Peter asked her to do some research on the subject and put a paper together to present to CSG in the new year.</p>	OW
	<p><b>Meeting ended 7.32pm</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting :- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, 10am via Zoom. <u><a href="#">Details below</a></u></b></p> <p>Mike Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.</p> <p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88966056860?pwd=WVZmV3UrNIRDaHZERWczb1pqb1Ewdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88966056860?pwd=WVZmV3UrNIRDaHZERWczb1pqb1Ewdz09</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 889 6605 6860</p> <p>Passcode: 189980</p>	



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