

Meeting: Congleton Sustainability Group

Date: 13.09.22 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** The Old Saw Mill

In attendance: Peter & Linda Aston, Cathy Dean, Peter Hall, Heather Seddon, Ruth Benson, Patti Pinto, Linda Aston, Kay Wesley (Zoom).

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Heather welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Jackie Kay, Jackie McArthur, Alex Scaresbrook, Margaret Gartside.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Linda took us through the accounts which are attached with the minutes.</p> <p>£500 from the William Dean trust signs for the Fairground garden, still waiting for Capital Walk to finish the final phase so we can work with them to improve the green space, all plants were rescued.</p>	
4.	<p>Green Fayre 24th September</p> <p>Include stalls for selling Apple trees and collecting apples, bring along the small apple press as a demonstration. Cheshire Kids Clothes Swap and Congleton's Repair Café are being held in the town hall.</p>	Peter

	<p>CSG subgroups Food4Free, Plastic Free Congleton, Eco-Schools, and Trees for Congleton will all be represented at the event.</p>	
5.	<p>Volunteer Events</p> <p>Trees for Congleton group will be starting up soon and will be appealing for Volunteers. They also need new sites for planting. Contact Patti / Ruth. The tree planting season is getting shorter and shorter, with bad weather (mid-nov to mid-March). We are waiting to see what will happen with the Queen's Canopy.</p> <p>Princes Trust is looking for projects they can assist with, might be worth contacting them.</p>	
6.	<p>Active Travel</p> <p>Peter H – We are trying to resurrect the group, it's at a very embryonic stage at the moment.</p> <p>The Cargo Bike is now up and running. Working with New Leaf to create a delivery service around town.</p>	
7.	<p>Communications</p> <p>The sewage Relief letter did get a standard response from David Rutley. Can we publish these replies? Cathy to find out.</p> <p>Letter to chronicle – actively looking for new tree planting sites and hedge rows – Ruth to action.</p> <p>Active Travel as a subject – Everybody Leisure is overseeing the bike-ability lessons that take place in school.</p>	

8.	A.O.B Next meeting 4 th October Via zoom – Cathy to send calendar invite and zoom link.	
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