

Meeting: Congleton Partnership Executive Meeting

Date: 06.09.2022 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Zoom

In attendance: Cathy Dean, Peter Aston (Chair), Glen Williams (Vice Chair), David McGifford, Dennis Murphy, Bob Edwards, Amanda Martin, Jackie MacArthur, Susan Munro, Kay Wesley, Patti Pinto, Linda Hulse (via zoom) Jackie Kay, Mike Smith.

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Minutes accepted of the last meeting, no outstanding actions.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Peter Houldsworth, Jo Money, Suzy Firkin, John Stewart, Margaret Gartside, Diane Ritherdon, Heather Seddon, Sharon Joynson.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Projects</u></p> <p>Peter gave a brief introduction to the ambitions of the Partnership, the Partnership needs to deliver bigger projects in the town. The Old Sawmill is struggling to cope with the number of volunteers with a variety of needs from people with special needs/learning difficulties to the retired.</p> <p>Green Space Project / Community Farm – one idea that’s under development is a community green space, an area if land that has been identified in Hulme Warfield, will need to work with the parish council, Cheshire East etc. We can utilise other spaces around the town.</p> <p>Examples - https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/</p>	

	<p>We are asking for new ideas for projects in the town, the project review forum will identify the project leads, and a request & reporting form will be put in place to track progress and measure expected outcomes.</p> <p>Congleton Cares – It's going to be a tough winter for some of our residents in Congleton, similar to the covid leads group we are putting together a response team/signposting of information.</p>	
4.	<p>Review existing planned projects</p> <p>There are projects with assigned budgets that due to restrictions of the last couple of years haven't progressed:</p> <p>Minibus driving training - £2000 agreed. Glen says this is hoping to go ahead. Minibus hire is now much healthier there is around £7000 in the bank account. Running costs are around £4000 for the year. One of the minibuses is around 18 years old so we may need to put a plan in place to replace it, there is likely to be a grant around. – Glen is the project lead.</p> <p>Recycling Scheme - £2000 agreed. To provide a branded recycling scheme for items such as clothes. Make it easier for residents to recycle a range of different items and thus reducing the impact on the environment. It may also offer a low-cost solution for income-struggling households. The amount of items going to landfill is huge. Should we be talking to partners who already run these types of events – CSG Project?</p> <p>Link Road Roundabouts - £6000 agreed. All plans are agreed upon, we are just waiting on Cheshire East. There are still concerns about the safety of the roundabouts. Patti project lead.</p> <p>Sports Pop Up's - £8000 agreed. Looking at proposals for spring next year. Research already carried out at Bromley Farm table tennis well used, as well as basketball hoops. The Market area was suggested as an area from the consultation. Glen Project Lead.</p>	<p>Glen</p> <p>CSG</p> <p>Patti</p> <p>Glen</p>

5.	A.O.B Patti – The rowan trees planted on Mountbatten way are not thriving, some of the planters are broken. The trees can be replanted at another site and hopefully saved. Suggest replacing with the Flax plant which is happy in boxes, the wooden boxes of trees were originally dealt with by Ruth Burgess and Cheshire Highways and that line of sight was a crucial issue for them, please consult with Ruth. Patti to bring a proposal. We could use the new Partnership logo on the planters!	
	Meeting ended at 7:15 pm Next meeting TBC	

