

## Meeting Minutes: Congleton Sustainability Group

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025    **Time:** 6:30 pm    **Location:** Congleton Town Hall

**In attendance:** Heather Seddon (Chair), Cathy Dean, Jackie Kay, Ruth Benson, Patti Pinto, Peter Aston, Linda Aston, Kay Wesley, Heather Peace.

**Apologies:** Margaret Gartside, Peter Hall.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Town Hall, 6:30 pm**

1	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 are accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Actions from the last meeting:</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Postpone the AGM until October to see what new interest we have gained from the Green Fayre. – AGM date confirmed as 4<sup>th</sup> November</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Email each registered member to see what they want from the group – Postponed as, on reflection, felt premature.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Have a look at Cheshire Climate Alliance, Transition Wilmslow, and Macclesfield – could they come and speak? <b>(Carry Forward)</b></p> <p><b>Action</b> – Patti is to bring in all receipts by October; some receipts have been received. (ongoing)</p> <p>Heather S confirmed that Heather Peace will be taking over as the next chair of CSG at the AGM. Date for AGM 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Congleton Town Hall.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Financial Update</u></b></p> <p>£100 received from MWMF to go towards the running costs of CSG.</p> <p>The yearly accounts audit has been completed. A grant for the new mural at the community garden was received.</p> <p>Band account Linda will action adding Cathy &amp; Patti to the account and removing signatures Peter Aston, Glen Williams, Steve Foster and David Daniel.</p>

CSG Income & Expenditure 1st May 2025			
			opening balance
<b>Income</b>			
04.06.25	WDT Grant Back to Backs 25	£	1,850.00
04.06.25	WDT 25 Wall Mural	£	750.00
13.06.25	From deposit Wall render	£	1,000.00
26.06.25	From Deposit Account Mural painting	£	1,160.00
30.06.25	R Café Donations 28.06.25	£	45.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2,205.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
30.06.25	Eaton Masonic Hall Room Hire R Café 26.05.25	£	60.00
05.06.25	To Deposit account	£	2,500.00
10.06.25	WDT 6.24 B To Backs P Pinto	£	389.22
13.06.25	S Brammeld IYN WDT 6. 25 Rendering	£	700.00
25.06.25	S Mead F Faces B to Backs 6.24 WDT	£	27.75
25.06.25	D Williamson Havannah B to B WDT 6.24	£	48.05
26.06.25	P Lea , mural IYN WDT 6.25	£	1,159.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>4,884.52</b>
	Bank Deposit Account	£	6,680.96
	Bank Current Account	£	390.53
	CASH		
		<b>£</b>	<b>7,071.49</b>
<b>Total Grant Monies still to be spent</b>			
	WDT Tree Initiative 9.12.19	£	193.10
	WDT In your Neighbourhood Scheme 6.3.20	£	252.66
	WDT Tree Planting 21.06.21	£	1,000.00
	Repair café Account, CIT £250 2.22,M Will 6.22 grant	£	2,309.02
	WDT Food4Free 23.09.22	£	199.35
	WDT Elizabeth garden 15.12.22/West Rd 10.12.18	£	202.98
	C E Cost of living Community response grant 27.05.23	£	880.73
	WDT Grant Back to backs 19.06.24	£	47.09
	WDT Grant OSM Secret garden 18.09.24	£	1,000.00
	WDT Grant Mural IYN 4.6.25	-£	9.50
	WDT Back to backs 4.6.25	£	750.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>6,825.43</b>

3 **Green Fayre**

Green Fayre planned for 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 3pm, stalls are now available to book, please visit – <https://form.jotform.com/251663712157356>

The council green working group is not continuing in 25/26, use the biodiversity site project to relaunch CSG at the Green Fayre.

Link in with the museum for the disappearing nature project.

	A new Streetscape manager has been appointed with a start date in September.
4	<p><b><u>Water Quality Project</u></b></p> <p>Another potential new project has been suggested via the Timbersbrook WI group. They have been involved in collecting samples from the River Dane for the Great UK WaterBlitz Spring Report 2025 - <a href="https://earthwatch.org.uk/report/great-uk-waterblitz-spring-report-2025">https://earthwatch.org.uk/report/great-uk-waterblitz-spring-report-2025</a></p> <p>Cheshire East Climate Alliance are working on stopping sewage overflows.</p> <p><b>Action</b> – set up a meeting with interested parties and United Utilities to see what action, if anything, we can take.</p>
5	<p><b><u>Volunteer Events</u></b></p> <p>In Bloom Town Tidy Days 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> July &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Aug -6pm - tidy before In Bloom judging</p> <p>Town Centre Play days (Tuesdays) – 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> September – Mossley cycle to school day</p>
6	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b></p> <p><b>Repair café</b> reestablished at Masonic Hall, but needs to find a new leader as Ben is busy with work commitments.</p> <p><b>Work Experience</b> – A request came in from a student requesting work experience to Ruth Benson, under the CSG, a question was asked about insurance, are we covered? What insurance do we have for volunteers / does work experience differ? What safeguarding policies should we have in place?</p> <p><b>Action</b> – Cathy/Peter to investigate.</p> <p><b>Apple Juice</b> – Apple pressing will be outsourced to Dunham Massey, who did the pressing originally. Astbury Mere is to act as a collection point. Will need to find a van for transportation.</p> <p><b>New Saw Mill Site</b> – Beginning to make progress with Cheshire East, but nothing confirmed as yet. John Holford is happy for work to begin on site, but reluctant to start until all permissions are in place.</p>

### CSG Subgroups:

CSG Members		Subgroup	Facebook Page
Peter Aston	<a href="mailto:peterjaston@gmail.com">peterjaston@gmail.com</a>	The Old Saw Mill, Dane Valley Community Energy	<a href="#">Congleton Hydro</a>
Patti Pinto	<a href="mailto:Pattipinto1@gmail.com">Pattipinto1@gmail.com</a>	Eco-schools, In Bloom, Trees For Congleton, Food4Free	<a href="#">In Bloom</a>

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Alec / Val Scaresbrook	<a href="mailto:cycling@cheshirecycleway.co.uk">cycling@cheshirecycleway.co.uk</a>	Congleton Food4Free	<a href="#">Congleton Food4Free</a>
Ruth Benson	<a href="mailto:benson1ruth@gmail.com">benson1ruth@gmail.com</a>	Trees For Congleton	<a href="#">Trees For Congleton</a>

### Useful Groups:

CSG Members		Group	Facebook Page
Jackie Kay	<a href="mailto:Jackiekay28@hotmail.co.uk">Jackiekay28@hotmail.co.uk</a>	Climate Action Group	<a href="#">Climate Action</a>

### New members

There is a short membership form for new members, to be completed once. Members receive e-mails from the Group and having voting rights at the AGM. Please send your membership form to our secretary, Cathy Dean, [Cathy.Dean@congleton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:Cathy.Dean@congleton-tc.gov.uk).



CSG Membership  
Application Form App