

## Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

**Date :**3.9.18      **Time:** 10.00am      **Location:- Astbury Mere Visitor Centre.**

**In attendance:** P.Aston (Chair), M.Smith, Dewi Jones, ,S.Foster, B.Fox, M.Gartside ,M.Axford.

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></b></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies.</u></b></p> <p>G.Williams, P.Minshull, P.Pinto, P.Ranson, H.Morley and P.Hirst.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (2.7.18)</u></b></p> <p>Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting, matters arising issues covered on the mail agenda.</p> <p><b><i>Matters Arising.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Item 1. Congleton Green Space Trust Allotments.</i></b> P.Ranson still to contact J.Cockell re pesticide usage at the allotments. <b>Carry Over</b></p> <p><b><i>Item 1. Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace.</i></b> PP to organise a local consultation at Mossley site, then GW to support in getting permissions once consultation complete. <b>Carry Over.</b></p> <p><b><i>Item 5. Plastic.</i></b> MS to check with D.McGifford the situation re visiting the Ansa recycling plant. (D Mc has written to Ansa suggesting a Thursday in October exc 11<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p><b><i>Item 6 Air Quality.</i></b> BF to write to Martin Brown,CEBC for more information, data, plans for Congleton following the workshop in Congleton Town Hall. Still to be actioned. Then follow up with MP during summer break.</p> <p><b><i>Item 13. Working with the MP.</i></b> BF/PA carried out a visit to Fiona on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Issues were raised around climate</p>	<p><b>P.Ranson contact J.Cockell.</b></p> <p><b>PP carry out local consultation</b></p> <p><b>D.Mc written to ANSA</b></p> <p><b>BF to write to Martin Brown CEBC</b></p>

	change and fracking. A report was sent to Fiona prior to the visit, she appeared receptive to our views, and another visit is being planned to further discuss these issues including the Air Quality concerns around Congleton in the near future.	<b>PA/BF to action</b>
4.	<b><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></b>  <b><i>One item added.</i></b>  (1) Portree Garage Planning application.	
5.	<b><i>Plastic.</i></b>  Barry's paper was circulated to the group just before the meeting. As there had been no time to study the report it was agreed that we should read it through, think what <b><u>WE</u></b> could practically do to improve the situation and pool the ideas at the next meeting 1.10.18. Two suggestions made today were :- (a) Schools project (b) OSM project.  This is a massive worldwide issue and will need major government support globally to really tackle the problem.	<b>Read report, put ideas to the next meeting.</b>
6.	<b><u>Air Quality</u></b>  As recorded earlier. BF to write to CEBC (Martin Brown) for more data/information regarding Congleton, its issues and plans.  PA to contact Nigel Standley re hand held Air Quality monitors.  MS has recirculated M.Brown's Air Quality presentation for information.	<b>BF to request more data etc from CEBC</b>
7.	<b><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></b>  Planning application in <b>18/0773M</b>	

	<p>Currently carrying out the additional surveys as requested by the planners, all information to be back with CEBC by November.</p> <p>Need to get things in place before feed in the tariffs disappear in early 2019.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></b></p> <p>Still some work to be done before the plan can progress to Cheshire East and onto Regulation 15. The updated plan was agreed by the steering group with one or two issues to be solved around Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Staged still to complete:-</p> <p>Referendum</p> <p>Formal adoption</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></b></p> <p>AJ production is now in full swing a little earlier than normal. 200 bottles produced to-date, big push on apple collection this week.</p> <p>Dewi to put together a leaflet to explain usage of Cider Vinegar. Currently have 400 bottles (RPS £5)</p> <p>OSM Cider to enter the CAMRA North of England Cider and Perry Competition at the Manchester Beer &amp; Cider festival 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019</p> <p><b><i>General</i></b></p> <p>GDPR action now completed.</p> <p>Michelle is coordinating a membership/renewal drive</p>	

	<p>Newsletter out last week.</p> <p><b><i>Connected Communities Centre.</i></b></p> <p>GRIPP is virtually competed for being recognised as a Connected Communities Centre.</p> <p>Grand opening planned for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30 to 5.30pm. All welcome.</p> <p>Talking Therapies are about to start weekly sessions to combat Mental health and Social Isolation issues.</p>	
10.	<p><b><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>P.Ranson to raise with John Cockell the issue of ethical/ organic good practice policy. Particularly the use of pesticides.</p>	<p><b>P.Ranson contact J.Cockell</b></p>
11.	<p><b><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></b></p> <p><b>In Bloom.</b></p> <p>Judging completed, the town looked great, good impressions made now we await the results.</p> <p>Britain In Bloom - Belfast – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</p> <p>North West In Bloom – Southport – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Enhancing Congleton’s Greenspace.</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Nothing new. For the record:-</i></b></p>	<p><b>PP local consultation.</b></p>

	<p>Potential site at Mossley water tower.</p> <p>PP to organise a consultation with local residents as to their views of an orchard being developed there.</p> <p>Once this has been carried out, if required GW will assist with obtaining permissions.</p>	<p><b>GW to help with permissions.</b></p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><b><u>Group Reports.</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Eco Schools – P.Pinto</i></b></p> <p>Nothing new this month</p> <p><b><i>Commenting Team.</i></b></p> <p>1. Planning applications for Meadowside and Riverside</p> <p>In July PM produced and submitted a response on behalf of CSG to the planning applications for Meadowside and Riverside (18/2803C and 18/2804C). In addition to comments on the loss of town centre business and services which we discussed at the July meeting I have included a paragraph on highway issues in support of the response submitted by the Town Council which focussed on this aspect of the applications.</p> <p>Both applications were only for a prior notification for change of use from commercial to residential – the decision letters from CEBC indicated that no prior notification was needed, so approval was given with various conditions attached. It is assumed that we will be able to respond to any subsequent applications for full planning permission.</p> <p>2. Planning applications</p> <p>PM continues to review the weekly list of planning applications from CEBC but since the Local Plan has been adopted there has been little to concern the CSG.</p> <p>3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

	<p>A request that we support the Portree Service Station ( 18/3758C) development was made at the meeting The group agreed with the application and ask that P.Minshull write to planning to support the application on behalf of the group. Comments close on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. MS to contact P.Minshull.</p> <p><b>Cycling report.</b> No new report</p> <p><b>Apple Juice/ Cider</b> See OSM report.</p> <p><b>Balance Sheet</b> Circulated w/c 3.9.18</p> <p><b>Food4 Free</b> No report issued</p> <p><b>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017</b> 2 SLIC courses planned:- (a) OSM – second session 4.9.18 (b) U3A starting October.</p>	<p><b>PM comment on planning app 18/3758C</b></p>
13.	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b> Astbury Mere Country Park. Matt commented that ttis has been a good year for the park. The new Café (GG's) has been busy most days and also played their part by supporting environmental developments. Car Parking charges are now live, still to be seen if this will be a profitable venture.</p>	
	<p><b>Next Meeting:- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> October, The Old Saw Mill, 10am.</b></p>	

