

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 12.03.19 **Time:** 5pm **Location:- The Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), R.James, H.Seddon, S.Foster, B.Fox, P.Pinto, P.Ranson, Dewi Jones and G.Williams,.

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting and welcomed Heather Seddon to her first meeting and the second evening meeting designed to attract more members of CSG</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>M.Gartside, S Akers Smith, M.Axford, P.Hall, P Hirst, A.Linnet, P.Minshull, and M.Smith.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising</u> Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising.</i></p> <p>Item 5. PA advised visit to UPM at Shotton had been arranged for 6th March but had been postponed waiting a new date.</p> <p><i>AOB. Working with our MP.</i> Adam to give us the date for mtg with FB to discuss Environmental Bill</p> <p><i>Local Compost Project.</i> DJ to make up another one when help is available</p> <p><i>Cheshire Wildlife Trust.</i> Adam to discuss his forward plans on Community Orchards.</p>	<p>PA</p> <p>AL</p> <p>DJ</p> <p>AL</p>

4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> Agenda taken as written.	
5.	<u>Plastic.</u> Discussion about bears to take plastic in and about the town discussed, being pursued at In Bloom mtgs	Close
6.	<u>Air Quality</u> GW arranging for Nick Kelly CEC officer to next mtg, BF and PA to develop a brief as to what we won't him to discuss.	PA&BF to GW
7.	<u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u> Minutes written day before Northern Planning Board, so result will be written in	
8.	<u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u> Discussed that as NP is due to go to referendum May/June that the delivery mechanism needs to be developed. PA and DJ proposal is that CSG pursues clearly defined sustainability items but is waiting direction from NP Steering Group. Likely dedicate May/June meeting to Sustainability NP issues.	DJ&PA
9.	<u>The Old Saw Mill .</u> Prep room floor refurbished with grant from Inclosure Trust. Annual accounts due during April likely to show 25% growth on 2017/8. AGM 30 th April.	
10.	<u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u>	

	<p>CGST and OSM to jointly establish a community orchard at Vale Allotments.</p> <p>Good news work has started on collapsed wall blocking some allotments, expected finish Summer 19.</p>	PR
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>LCWIP once adopted by the end of May (?) then needs to be funded. Routes highlighted in Master Plan are part of each developments plans but issue of implementation through the enforcement process is very likey.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>See Patti's report below.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace.</u></p> <p>To be part of NP delivery plan process</p>	
13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p>Eco schools: 7 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS Jan 2019 6th GF awarded to Marfields</p> <p>2019 schedule: <i>The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF). Now defaulted to silver: due in 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3^d GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF). Buglawton July 2018. Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have also lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver. 2020 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (6th GF)</i></p> <p>GF Renewal form now easier to complete, new website & lots of new resources from 1 Oct 2018 (KBT eco-schools).</p> <p>Working on Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Eco (Biodiversity – birdwatching for RSPB big schools birdwatch campaign; school grounds, growing potatoes, school garden, fairtrade, global goals).</p> <p>Transport eco topic: Sustainable methods of travel, including travel plans, bikeability, walking to school etc, MODESHIFT STARS programme researched; meeting with SAS & Congleton schools <u>Tues 8 Jan</u>. This programme produces wonderful results in Staffs</p>	

& Birmingham where it is in use.

Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:

13 Jan: site visit to Cong Park, St Stephens entrance

14 Jan: Delivering CIB certificates to those who children couldn't attend, Mossley Primary school

15 Jan: Friends of Cong Park AGM & meeting

Jan & March arranging RHS CPD training day for 7 March at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary

24 Jan, meeting with J Phillips re West Rd roses border

25 Jan: visit to BHPG group to discuss plans for 2019-03-12

27 Feb: Meeting with MS Cong Part'ship re cenotaph grant application; Cong & Dist Hort Soc meeting

28 Jan: In Bloom meeting, discuss route for 2019

4 Mar: work at Community Garden with MG

5 Mar: visit to IYN Heathview, discuss plans and help in the garden for residents

8 Mar: meeting with Buglawton in bloom team

11 Mar: Community garden with members of U3A garden group

Selling CIB calendars (U3A, Hort Soc, school etc)

Publicity:

Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle.

PP continues to admin/edit facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & CSG, Old Saw Mill, Saint Mary's Garden Club, Buglawton in Bloom, Friends of Congleton Park & Congleton Park pages]

Commenting Team

Nothing to report

Cycling report.

	<p>We have been working on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) in Congleton to try and advise Cheshire East on how to flesh up the detail on the 'Wish List' routes that were submitted to CE via Suzie Akers-Smith. Due to holidays of Macclesfield representatives, we were invited by CE to look at the LCWIP plans for Macclesfield. This we did and CE responded to Mike Roberts at Macclesfield after he submitted routes. The response made us wonder what we have been talking about and working towards with regard to cycling over the last few years. This what CE said in their letter to Macclesfield in response to the route suggestions made to them.</p> <p>However, there is currently no suitable funding available for us to take these plans forward, although we are hopeful that DfT will follow up their investment in helping us to develop the plans with funding to help us to deliver them”</p> <p>Mike Roberts also commented 'That these salaried East Cheshire personnel and 'Dft technical experts' can spend valuable time and resource 'peeing in the wind' takes my breath away!'</p> <p>I have to agree! What is the point of drafting cycling and walking plans if they have no resources to implement them?</p> <p><i>Apple Juice/ Cider</i></p> <p>See OSM report.</p> <p><i>Balance Sheet</i></p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Carbon reduction group report.</i></p> <p>SLIC courses now complete.</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Fracking BF updated meeting that One of the Lancs sites has been refused planning permission thought to be due to access concerns. It's been ruled that LA's have the ability to refuse fracking sites due to global warming, more teeth locally</p>	

	<p>Global Climate Change much movement, BF will circulate links. CCC warning that after years of great progress UK is falling behind its targets due to lack of government action on old housing stock insulation and power generation. UK Likely to miss 2050 targets by 20%.</p> <p>Question raised as to whether we as a group are ok with having open email address lists between ourselves so that we can share info across the group?</p> <p>Meeting times: agreed to alternate monthly Monday morning 10am at AMVC; Tuesday evening 5pm at OSM</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>Next Meeting:- Mon 1st April 2019, Astbury Mere Visitors Centre ,10am.</p>	