

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 1.4.19 **Time:** 10am **Location:-** The Old.

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), S.Foster, B.Fox, P.Pinto, Dewi Jones, M.Smith, M.Axford, M.Gartside, A.Linnet and G.Williams,.

Guests:- Nick Kelly (CEBC Environmental Health Officer/ Air Quality)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> Peter Aston chaired the meeting and welcomed Nick Kelly from CEBC.	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> P.Minshull, P.Ranson,R.James	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting (12.3.19) and matters arising</u> Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting. <i>Matters Arising.</i> <i>Item 3. Local Compost Project.</i> Still to be actioned, carry over. All other matters will be picked up on the body of the agenda.	DJ
4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> Agenda taken as written.	
5.	<u>Plastic.</u> Nothing new to discuss this time.	

6.	<p><u>Air Quality – Nick Kelly (CEBC)</u></p> <p>Nick Kelly (Cheshire East – Environmental Health Officer) gave an overview of his departments role and the legislation to support all things environmental in terms of Air Quality and Emissions.</p> <p>Current “TUBE” measuring records monthly levels of Nitrogen Dioxide, they cannot currently measure pollutants.</p> <p>There are currently 3 major air quality issues around Congleton, West Rd, Lower Heath and Rood Hill. He explained that CEBC were supporting the drive to more EV by recommending EV points in all new builds. Defra will support current homes with a grant of around £500 to retro fit these points.</p> <p>Nick commented that the public charging points are moving from their current site in Princes St to West St car park.</p> <p>If the group has any ideas to improve the situation please pass them onto Nick. Email airquality@cheshireeast.gov.uk</p> <p>Nick to send a copy of his presentation to GW / MS, members can call it of if they so wish.</p> <p>Apparently the £25 approx is still available to improve air quality in town, if we have a project that could qualify for this let Nick know. This will need signing off by Defra is criteria is changed from their original allocation.</p>	<p>GW send copy of Nick’s presentation to MS</p>
7.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Hydro scheme was approved by CEBC Northern Planning Board, thanks to S.Foster and P.Guymer for their support on the day.</p> <p>Application has been made to Ofgem and FITS secured.</p> <p>Project work plan meeting being held this week to move things forward. Prospectus being put together to measure public support and raise the funding required to deliver the project.</p> <p>Aim is for completion 2020. PA send out a copy of the Hydro Newsletter.</p>	<p>PA send out copy of Hydro Newsletter.</p>

8.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>DJ updated us on the latest situation. All answers to questions raised by the inspector have gone back to him and a decision on further discussion / consultation is being considered. Further information as we receive it.</p>	
9.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p>A couple of issues discussed were around Cider Vinegar regarding size of bottle and labelling. It was felt that £5 for a 500ml bottle was a little expensive to tempt first time buyers. Also discussed the idea people using their onw bottles and future labelling to relay the opportunity to the public.</p> <p>Full programme of activity sent out in the latest newsletter.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p>Good news work has started on collapsed wall blocking some allotments, expected finish Summer 19. (reported last meeting)</p>	
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Patti, Margaret and Suzie attended a very interesting and motivational Living Streets Conference in Birmingham last week. Some inspirational speakers discussing cycling, walking and social isolation issues.</p> <p>Suzie is planning to present to the Town Council.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>See Patti's report below.</p> <p>Litter Pick planned for Saturday 6th April, Astbury Mere, 10.30 am to 12.15 pm.</p>	

12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace – Adam Linnet</u></p> <p>Adam is now Wild Communities Officer covering Cheshire East, he currently has 2 local project (will send detail to MS for circulation) and is looking for my projects locally. Community Orchards are of particularly interest and the Mossley Project ideas could fit well in this.</p> <p>Adam was unable to make the meeting with Fiona Bruce MP, two of his colleagues went, she showed interest in what was being discussed but there are no specific actions to be followed up as yet. Further discussions to take place in the near future</p>	<p>Adam send local project detail to MS for circulation.</p>
13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p>Eco schools: 6 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</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 (3rd 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) 2021 Marfields (7th gf) GF Renewal form now easier to complete, new website & lots of new resources from 1 Oct 2018 (KBT eco-schools).</i></p> <p>Working on Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Eco (transport, bikeability, waste _ recycling & litter).</p> <p>14 & 21 Mar: Working with volunteer via CE Nick Lane at Saint Mary's 15 Mar: working with volunteer at Saint Mary's garden, rebuilding raised beds Transport eco topic: Sustainable methods of travel, including travel plans, bikeability, walking to school etc, MODESHIFT STARS programme 29 March : Living Streets walking summit, Birmingham, great set of speakers, including Dep Mayor of Paris, talking about taking back the streets from vehicles back for the people.</p> <p>Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG: 14 March: checked West Rd garden & playground refurb 19 Mar: visit to IYN Heathview, help pruning in the garden with residents & some U3A 20 Mar: NWIB seminar for coordinators, Myescough College 20 Mar: Delivering CIB certificate to Fire cadets</p>	

<p>21 Mar: In Bloom meeting, 23 Mar: prepared application for WDT meeting 24 Mar: work at Margaret's Place with U3A (&MG) 26 Mar: WDT meeting 27 Mar: visit to Buglawton in bloom area; meeting with Food4free group 11, 18 & 25 Mar: Community garden with members of U3A garden group Feb-Mar: pruning various orchards in Congleton Throughout Feb & March: discussing, planning & growing for Tatton 2019 Blooming Border. Preparing for Back to back gardens 2019.</p> <p>Re launching Food4Free in some way, to advise / encourage the public in using our FREE plants / herbs around the various sites.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>Commenting Team Nothing to report</p> <p><i>Cycling report.</i> No report received <i>Apple Juice/ Cider</i> See OSM report.</p> <p><i>Balance Sheet</i></p>	
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	<p>Circulated prior to the meeting. Current balance £4910.90</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report.</p> <p>SLIC courses now complete. Barry is hoping that some of our new members who have shown interest in this subject may be able to give him some extra support and help him take the course out to more people.</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Shotton Visit. Margaret reported on the recent visit to The Shotton UPM recycling process.</p> <p>This 4 stage operation separate, Paper, Cardboard, Metals, Glass and Plastic.</p> <p>The site is primarily looking for paper to support their news print business.</p> <p>Other waste is separated and sent out to various third parties who recycle/ incinerate / remanufacture.</p> <p>They are proud of their achievement of obtaining around 90% of their fuel requirement from sustainable sources be it from their own plant or the adjacent solar farm.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting:- Tuesday 7th May, The Old Saw Mill, 5pm.</p>	