

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 6.4.21 **Time:** 6.00pm **Location:-** Zoom Meeting.

In attendance: P Aston (Chair), M.Smith, M.Gartside, B.Fox, P.Hall , O.Whitmore, G.Williams, S.Foster, B.Speed, J.MacArthur, Morgan Smith, S.Akers Smith, J.Sherwood, K.Wesley and P.Pinto.

Guest.

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> Peter Aston chaired the meeting. Introductions made to our new member Morgan Smith EBA Head Boy.	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> P.Minshull, A.Linnet, A.Aitchinson, A.Bolding .	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting (1.3.21) and matters arising</u> <i>Matters Arising from 1.3.21</i> Item 3. Sharon Trubshaw – Groundwork. Jackie Mac to look to do a feature on this in the of Bear Necessities. J Mac contact ST prior to the next edition. Will look to include in the spring edition. <i>Carry over to next edition</i> All other issues included on today's agenda.	JMac
4.	Approval of the Agenda. Taken as issued.	
5.	<u>Congleton Green Working Group – Chair M.Gartside.</u>	

	<p>Air Quality.</p> <p>The group are currently working on Air Quality issues to interject with the CE consultation exercise. It is felt that the current monitoring does not go far enough both in sites monitored and what is actually measured. CT will send a report /paper into CE to support this work CE consultation now closed and evaluation work has begun.</p> <p>E.Learning Course.</p> <p>80% of the updating to a digital presentation now done, should be complete by May. Councillors will then have an opportunity to access the course as planned.</p> <p>Town Hall Update.</p> <p>Not too much to report. M.Worthington has items to work on for a proposed 5 year plan which has to be both practical and fit in with CTC finances. Next Green meeting planned for this month (April).</p>	
6.	<p><u>CSG Comms and Media/Website.</u></p> <p>Subgroup currently working on this. Information and survey report from Morgan Smith and EBA students circulate to the full CSG group. EBA happy to do more survey work in the future, it is hoped that the new digital e.learning package will help in building recognition of CSG and its work.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Public Events</u></p> <p>Green Fayre planned for 29th/30th(am) October in the Town Hall Covid restrictions/NHS requirements depending. CSG to take a stall at The makers Marjet on Sat 30th Oct to support both the event and Cop26.</p> <p>MS to send Green fayre 2019/20 spreadsheet to the full CSG group for information of past attendees and suggestions of who to invite this year. Member to pass suggestions to MS.</p> <p>MS to contact past exhibitors for booking this year and develop a living spreadsheet of intentions/requirements.</p> <p>SAS to contact CE Cllrs Nick Mannion and Quentin Abel for support over these days.</p>	<p>MS/Members.</p> <p>MS</p> <p>S.Akers Smith</p>

8.	<p><u>Herbicide Group.</u></p> <p>New independent chair being sort for the group. PA / B. Speed to talk offline to see what can be done to resolve this issue.</p>	PA / B.Speed
9.	<p><u>East Cheshire Climate Alliance.</u></p> <p>No report this month. BS recommended that we take a look at www.transitionwilmslow.co.uk to see what they are doing. A day of activity is being planned across CE to support COP26, still to be confirmed. Suggested that each subgroup do something on the day to support their work/ speciality. A challenge set for the groups to come to the next meeting with ideas on what they can do to support this day of activity.</p>	All subgroup chairs.
10.	<p><u>Congleton East / West Greenway.</u></p> <p>SAS reported that she is working with Vic Brown (Somerford Parish Council) to get the best possible solution around a 10mtr wide boulevard. Also working with CE and local parishes to get best results through new builds and greenways.</p> <p>Question raised as to whether SAS could do something to support COP26 by way of a cycle event.</p> <p>CSG (PA) to write a letter of support of the Greenway project. SAS to pen something for PA to include in the letter to CE</p>	SAS SAS / PA
11.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p>Plastic. No report received</p> <p>Hydro Scheme The screw is now in position and work going on building the powerhouse and wiring. Hope to have power being generated by late June / early July.</p> <p>Green Space Trust. PA reported that John Cockell is still chair of the group, no report received.</p>	

	<p>Commenting team. No report for this meeting.</p> <p>Green Living In Congleton. See Green Working Group report.</p> <p>Active Travel No report issued. PH reported that there is a planned Zoom meeting with Sustrans to discuss rerouting of Route 55 next week, a number of options available.</p> <p>Tree Report.</p> <p>8 sites planned and consulted on, some changes made, group will revisit sites to see if anymore changes need to be made.Plans to be added to the CTC website. 2571 trees recorded today, with Link Rd planting to be added. Replacement trees planted at some of last years sites. Trees / whips being purchased for next years activity while prices are competitive. Hopefully be able to involve residents next autumn.</p> <p>Balance Sheet. Reissued following the meeting. . Balance in the account £4604</p> <p>Apple Juice/OSM.</p> <p>Plan to reopen OSM on 17th May. Hopefully a bumper apple harvest this year. Still delivering 70+ Friday meals.</p>	
10.	<p><u>AOB.</u></p> <p>OW. Olga email in a number of questions . PA will answer these and they will be discussed and recorded in next meeting's minutes.</p> <p>Congleton Recycling Centre. KW reported on the planned closure of the Congleton "Tip" and the actions a number of CTC councillors have and are taking to reverse this decision / encourage CE to look for a future new site. The signs are</p>	<p>PCA</p> <p>KW</p>

	not that positive at present. KW to report on progress following presenting at CE Cabinet meeting.	
	Meeting ended 7.25pm Next Meeting :- Monday 10th May, 10am via Zoom.	