

A field of daisies with a soft bokeh background. The foreground shows several daisies in focus, while the background is a blurred sea of yellow and green. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Congleton Partnership

The way forward...

► **Vision:** For our Little Town with a Big Heart create a vibrant, happy, healthy town by inspiring kinder communities, improving health & wellbeing and sustainable travel while keeping our culture alive and improving our green spaces.



Ambitions

1. Chart and define a clear path to carbon neutrality by 2030 in our homes, schools, businesses and farms.
2. Create a healthier, connected community with integrated services which educate and improve health & wellbeing for all.
3. Facilitate a business infrastructure that enables all our young people the business opportunities to reach their full potential.
4. The Partnership is a champion for Congleton and surrounding parishes building on our local distinctiveness, protecting our culture and heritage, and working in partnership with organisations to tackle the longstanding issues in the town.
5. Create community hubs that are carbon-neutral spaces for start-up businesses, entertainment, meetings, community groups, employment, and a volunteering infrastructure that enables all to reach their full potential.
6. Welcome, involve and educate all new residents of Congleton, 10,000 more by 2030.

To deliver the Partnership ambitions we will need dynamic groups, the current executive of 22 voting members is too large. The aim is to increase the knowledge of the Partnership within the community but streamline decision making, we must remain open and transparent.

Partnership Community Forum

Meets every 6 months

We recognise the huge value of networking and working in partnership with other groups & organisations.

Open meetings bring together different groups within the town, each meeting with a theme: young people; charities in the town; business involvement; town centre development; town's funding bodies; etc. The theme, the intent: to involve and inform as many people as possible about the town. Use the Town Hall and aim to attract as many of the public as possible to each meeting.

Partnership Project Review

The Partnership is not a grant funding body, it funds and supports groups/projects of the Partnership which deliver the ambitions agreed.

Partnership Project Review Forum

Meets every 6 weeks

Project leads, incorporating current subgroup chairs

PPRF delivers the Partnership ambitions: each subgroup and several new ones that PPRF would initiate has an elected leader who would update PPRF on behalf of the group they represent. Each subgroup would identify who they wanted to be their chair who would be subject to ratification by the PPRF.

Project leads would submit ideas, ask for help and/or funds. They would also gather reports and provide data such as volunteer hours.

Partnership Committee

The Partnership Committee will be responsible for driving forward the vision of the Partnership, identifying opportunities and working in partnership with the town council. The committee would agree on budgets and funding.

Partnership Committee

Meets bi-monthly

Committee members would be as follows:

1. Town Council Representative
2. Partnership Chair
3. Partnership Vice Chair
4. Partnership Project Co-Ordinator

All subgroups of the Partnership would fit into the following 6 categories (which represent the ambitions) who would elect a chair to represent them on the committee.

1. Sustainability (CSG)
2. Senior Forum
3. Business / Community
4. Arts / Culture / Heritage
5. Youth
6. Health & Happiness

Where do the current groups fit in?

Sustainability (CSG)

- Congleton Apple Juice
- Trees For Congleton
- Congleton Hydro
- Food 4 Free
- Eco Schools
- Carbon Neutral
- Active Travel

Arts / Culture / Heritage

- Congleton Creative
- Congleton Pride
- Elizabeth's Group
- Congleton Museum

Senior Forum

- Dementia Friends
- U3A

Youth

Business Community

- Business Awards
- East Cheshire Chamber

Health & Happiness

- Old Sawmill
- Community Centres
- AMI - Volunteers
- Health & Wellbeing Fayre