

Meeting Minutes: Congleton Sustainability Group


Date: 6th June 2023 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** The Old Saw Mill

In attendance: Heather Seddon (Chair), Patti Pinto, Kay Wesley, Linda Aston, Peter Aston.

Apologies: Cathy Dean, Ruth Benson, Margaret Gartside, Jackie Kay.

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Spotlight topic: (TBC)

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| 1. | <p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>Heather welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Correction to the Minutes from the last meeting 4 April 23, on Page 2, AOB Trees for Congleton – correction to remove the ‘£’ before ‘17,000 plants’.</p> <p>Actions from the last meeting: None</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Financial Update</u></p> <p>Thanks to Linda for sending in the accounts prior to the meeting.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Copy of I E CSG June 2023.pdf</p> </div> |
| 3. | <p><u>Green Fayre, Saturday 30 September 2023</u></p> <p>Planning ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a manned e-Learning Course station in the Town Hall, so that visitors can see the course on the screen, and interact with the course themselves • Clothes swap and Repair Café in the Town Hall • Events on the day – usual stalls outside • Friday 29 September, hold an evening event for businesses in the Town Hall with inspiring talks eg, Chester Zoo, Siemens, Brewery • Ask Chester Zoo to give 2 talks to children regarding their campaign for sustainable palm oil, one for primary school and one for secondary school pupils • Mark Thompson to give talks about cars and house-hold talks • We have £250 left in the kitty to spend on the green fayre • Have a booklet underpinning the events like we did in 2021 • Possibly could pay for inclusion of the booklet into the Congleton Chronicle • Have volunteer tree planting sessions throughout the day |
| 4. | <p><u>Volunteer Events</u></p> <p>Bromley Farm Community plant up Saturday 17 June, 11 to 3 pm, Bromley Hub Garden on Hiliary Avenue, near the Bromley Farm Hub on Parnell Square.</p> |



- Congleton Repair Café** Sat 24 June and Sat 29 July, 10 am to 2 pm, The Old Saw Mill
- Town Tidy events** Sat 1 July and Sat 29 July, 10 am to 12, Community Garden, Lawton Street
- The Haven Garden** Saturday 24th June (all at 10:30 am to 1 pm)
- Saturday 8th July
- Saturday 22nd July
- Saturday 5th August
- Saturday 19th August

at the back of the United Reformed Church, Antrobus Street, Congleton, CW12 1HE. Followed by a drink and a chat at the Old Saw Mill. Bring your spade! We welcome more volunteers and it's open to all who like gardening, improving Biodiversity and helping the Community.

5. **Communications**

Heather to write a letter to the Congleton Chronicle regarding the volunteer planting event on the 17 June at the Bromley Farm Hub, success with the eco-schools achieving green-flag status, and the e-Learning Course.

6. **A.O.B**

CSG has received a Cost of Living grant for £9580 towards the shared garden scheme and the community garden at Parnell Square, Bromley Farm Hub.

CSG Subgroups:

| CSG Members | | Subgroup | Facebook Page |
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| Peter Aston | peterjaston@gmail.com | The Old Saw Mill, Dane Valley Community Energy | Congleton Hydro |
| Heather Seddon | heather.seddon2@btinternet.com | Plastic Free Congleton | Plastic Free Congleton |
| Patti Pinto | Pattipinto1@gmail.com | Eco-schools, In Bloom, Trees For Congleton, Food4Free | In Bloom |

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| Margaret Gartside | cllrmargaret.gartside@congleton-tc.gov.uk | In Bloom, Trees for Congleton | |
| Barry Fox | gbarryfox@gmail.com | Green Living Course | Green Living Course |
| Alec / Val Scaresbrook | cycling@cheshirecycleway.co.uk | Congleton Food4Free | Congleton Food4Free |
| Ruth Benson | benson1ruth@gmail.com | Trees For Congleton | Trees For Congleton |
| Peter Ranson | peterjranson@btinternet.com | Old Saw Mill | Old Saw Mill |

Useful Groups:

| CSG Members | | Group | Facebook Page |
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| Jackie Kay | Jackiekay28@hotmail.co.uk | Climate Action Group | Climate Action |
| Adam Linnet | alinet@cheshirewt.org.uk | Cheshire Wildlife Trust | Cheshire Wildlife Trust |
| Matt Axford | ASTBURY@cheshireeast.gov.uk | Countryside Ranger (Astbury Mere) | Astbury Mere |

New members

There is a short membership form for new members, to be completed once. Members receive e-mails from the Group and having voting rights at CSGs annual AGM. Please send your membership form to our secretary, Cathy Dean, Cathy.Dean@congleton-tc.gov.uk.



CSG Membership
Application Form App

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