

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 3.11.14 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Plus Dane Boardroom.**

In attendance: P.Minshull ,B.Fox , G.Williams , P.Aston , M.Taylor, D.Daniel, M.Gartside, S.Foster, P.Ranson & M.Smith.

Guests:-

New Member :-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>The meeting was chaired by P.Aston.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>P.Hall, M.Williamson, M.Axford ,P.Pinto & O.Whitmore.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting (6.10.14) were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising were as follows:-</u></p> <p><i>Matter Arising- Apple Juice / Cider.</i> PA to talk to CEBC regarding licencing if and when we start producing Cider. Looking to cap Apple Juice production to 500 bottles the rest of the juice then being turned into Cider. We have a market (including Rode Hall) and the Cider can be made by our current juicer at Dunham Massey.</p> <p>PA hoping to have this licence ready for Rode Hall, December market.</p>	<p>PA to discuss licencing around Cider selling with CEBC.</p>

	<p>Item 6. Green Living EBA. MT is working with K.Smith ,chair of governors at EBA with a view to delivering the Green Living Presentation to some of the students at the academy.</p> <p>Item 6. Cheshire Show. MMW to pusue the idea of taking the Green Living story to The Cheshire Show. Carried over from last meeting.</p> <p>Item 6. CHS Energy Leaflet Idea. MT working with CHS re the production of 200 energy leaflets, would like to use Jayne Booth’s energy poster somehow.</p> <p>PA to discuss with CR team as to the idea of an award for Jayne and future students who may take up one of our challenges.</p> <p>Item 12. Budgets 2015/16. MS prepared a paper for F&P meeting, including CSG’s budget requirements. SF has now to make a further presentation to F&P late November as to our plans and objectives for the next year.</p>	<p>MT working with EBA</p> <p>MMW pursue Cheshire Show idea.</p> <p>MT working on leaflet with CHS</p> <p>PA to discuss award idea with CR team.</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was not circulated prior to the meeting, taken as set by PA</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairs Reports</u></p> <p><i>Commenting Team – P.Minshull.</i></p> <p>1. Planning appeal – 104 homes off Waggs Road</p> <p>PM prepared for and attended on behalf of CSG the planning appeal for the 104 homes off Waggs Road.</p> <p>2. CEBC Local Plan</p>	

<p>In October PM prepared for and attended 3 sessions (half day each) of the Local Plan hearing. These sessions covered Connectivity (1) and Sustainability (2). The Inspector has postponed the session on Congleton (and all other sessions on localities); at the time of writing this report a revised date has not been provided. <i>MS passed a letter to PM from the inspector S.J.Pratt to CEBC which indicated that whilst there is a planned date of early December but he does point out that this may have to be put back again whilst CEBC consider the implications of his initial views on the legal compliance and soundness of the submitted plans.</i></p> <p>3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>PM has responded on behalf of CSG to the consultation on the area to be covered by the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>4. PM advised the meeting of 2 planning applications received for the Moss farm site off Manchester Rd (14/4451c & 14/4452c) PM will review and appraise them on behalf of CSG.</p> <p><i>Carbon Reduction Team – M.Taylor.</i></p> <p>Green Living Slide presentation made to Timbersbrook WI (50) members</p> <p>New SLIC course being run with U3A members (6)</p> <p>Work books to be available for the session at The Partnership Exec Meeting 2.12.14.</p> <p>MT to send a copy of the Green Living presentation to MS for circulation around the group.</p>	<p>PM review and report on plans 14/4451c & 14/4452c</p> <p>MT send a copy of Green Living slides to MS for circulation.</p>
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CCC/SECCAG – P.Hall

Cheshire East held their second cycling seminar at Congleton Town Hall on Wednesday 2 October. The main item was CE's appointment of a transport consultancy to help CE develop their 'Cycling Strategy' which must be completed by March 2015. The council plan to register for this initiative.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364791/141015_Cycling_Delivery_Plan.pdf

This strategy is a Government initiative which will encourage councils to promote cycling in their areas.

One point that CCC finds very important is that all planning applications will be required to add cycle friendly facilities, not only within the development but also to make sure that walkers and cyclists can get from the new development to any part of the town. IF this is made to work this will be most welcome.

This has been a requirement of local authorities for some years but, in the words of Cllr Michael Jones leader of CE, the developers could ignore the council's requests because 'they can afford better lawyers than CE'!

We wait to see how the new 'strategy' will make this happen.

Eco Schools – P.Pinto

We have **13 schools with Green Flags**, three schools at silver (W. Well, EBA, CHS) working towards GF. Six schools have achieved or renewed their green flags so far in 2014, two more to renew before Christmas.

News

- Marlfields waiting for their assessment for 4th Green flag, due in Oct/Nov.
- PP is working with Mossley's eco coordinator & eco team for their assessment for 3rd Green flag, due in Nov.
- PP has assessed two primary schools in Birmingham for Green Flags.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP working on NW In Bloom & Britain In Bloom projects with Floral Committee attended two award ceremonies (RHS gold medal awarded at each ceremony). • PP working with Congleton schools/CeCP on back-to-back gardens project.. Gardens now closed & dismantled (in Growzone, large polytunnel near to Congleton Park). • CSG apple day & seed swap Sunday • Apple pressing at Saint Mary's with approx 90 children • Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom activities sent to Chronicle. • PP continues to admin facebook pages [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & contribute to CSG page] <p>Food4Free. Nothing to report</p> <p>Eco Centre. Nothing to report</p> <p>CSG Income & Expenditure . The balance sheet has been sent out and a copy is attached to the minutes. Current balance £4587.33 9(inc Stock in hand)</p>	
6.	<p>Congleton Lifestyle Opportunity. As briefed at the last meeting The Partnership and Town Council held a joint meeting to pull together a list of priorities / wish list of services / facilities we would like to see in the new and improved Lifestyle centre / offering for Congleton.</p> <p>The list has been circulated to CSG members and added to these minutes as a record of what was sent into L.Baumanis at Cheshire east.</p>	

Priority	Facility	score
1	Swimming Pool Children's pool Diving Hydrotherapy Agua lung facility	11
2	Community One Stop Shop	10
3	Life Skills Training Centre	8
4	Indoor Courts	8
5	Child Centre	7
6	Cinema	7
7	Adult Day Care	7
8	Well-equipped Gym	7
9	Youth Meeting Place	7
10	Physiotherapy, mental health care, disability facilities	6

11	Meeting rooms	6		
12	5 side football	5		
13	Cafe	5		
14	Sauna/steam room/Jacuzzi	5		
15	Art Gallery	5		
16	Library	5		
17	External pitches	4		
18	Skate Park/BMX	4		
19	Bar	4		
20	Police Hub	3		
21	Music studio/media/sound proof	3		
22	Medical Centre	3		
23	Crèche	2		
24	Allotments/Roof Garden	1		
25	Dance Studio	1		
26	I.T. Suite	1		

	27	Bowling Green	1		
	28	C.A.B.	1		
	29	Lunch Club	0		
	30	Scout Hut	0		
	31	T.I.C	0		
	32	Billiards/Snooker/Darts	0		
	33	Sensory Room	0		
	34	Accommodation	0		
	35	Healthy eating/kitchen	0		
7.	<u>Polytunnel / Growzone.</u>				
	Nothing new to report.				
8.	<u>Community Energy Project.</u>				
	Nothing new to report.				
9.	<u>Community Energy Project – PA.</u>				
	Nothing new to report since last meeting.				
10.	<u>Publicity.</u>				
	The new website is nearing completion and a meeting is planned for Wednesday 5 th November to share development				

	<p>and requirements with group Chairs. No further contact or comments from P.Pinto / S.Pemberton put before the meeting.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Vale Allotments.</u></p> <p>The community asset request has now been granted by Cheshire East. The site has been registered as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011, and the rights to buy scheme. The landowner has been made aware of the situation and we have been advised that he has informed CEBC of his intention to sell the site. This now invokes 2 trigger points.</p> <p>(1) The owner cannot sell for 6 weeks and this ends 4.12.14. (2) If a community group (or a group that fits the legislation criteria) advises CEBC of its intention to make a bid for the land then a further 6 months of waiting before disposal is triggered. It should be noted that the owner does not have to accept that groups offer and can sell to someone else if he or she so wishes.</p> <p>It was decided to set up a task/subgroup to see how we take this issue forward.</p> <p>They will look at the area of publicity through the use of local media (Chronicle / Cheshire Borders Independent Newspaper) Discuss the situation/ intention of The Horticultural Society Consult with NSALG</p> <p>PA to handle any media requests.</p>	
12.	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p><i>Meeting Times.</i> After discussion it was decided that we would hold the April 2015 CSG meeting at a different time and maybe even a different day in the hope that we may attract new members that cannot make our normal meeting schedules.</p> <p>BF. To send MS a copy/ report on climate change for circulation around the group.</p>	BF send report

	<p>MG. Advised the group that CECP are now responsible for the schools Eco Schools programme, PP is still involved in a consultant capacity, but all funding will now go through Alex Thompson. Letter from CeCP filed with the hard copy of these minutes.</p> <p>GW. Wished to record the In Bloom Team's thanks for all the support they received from various members throughout the summer. Both sets of judges had been very complimentary about sustainability in the town.</p> <p>PR. Raised the issue of dog fouling around the town. GW asked for details of where this was prevalent so that action could be taken.</p>	<p>to MS for circulation</p>
	<p>Next Meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11.35am.</p> <p><i>Monday 1st December, 10.00am. Venue Tbc.</i></p>	