

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 9.5.16 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Plus Dane Boardroom.**

In attendance: P.Pinto, B.Fox, M.Taylor, M.Smith, P.Minshull, S.Halliday, Dewi Jones, P.Aston, G.Williams

Guests:-

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.Hirst , S.Foster, P.Hall, M.Gartside,M.Axford, P.Ranson.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (4.4.16)</u></p> <p>The notes from the last meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising were as follows:-</u></p> <p><i>Item 3. Apple Fest St Mary’s.</i> Patti / PA / SH to work with St Mary’s to develop an “Apple Adventure Day” in October close to National Apple Day.</p> <p><i>Item 3. School Orchard Survey</i> - PA / PP still to complete this piece of work.</p> <p><i>Item 11. Noahs Ark Farm.</i> The appeal will be held on 9th Aug. PM/PA are both away, Dewi Jones has agreed to attend and present PM’s written statement to the inspector as required.</p> <p><i>Item 11. Slic Course – New audiences.</i> MS contacted CVS. A brief should appear in the next CVS Newsletter. <i>This article has now appeared in the Newsletter 9.5.16</i></p>	<p>PP /PA /SH work up Apple Adv Day</p> <p>PA/ PP school orchard survey</p> <p>Dewi Jones to cover for PM.</p>

4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>An item on Fracking was added to the agenda.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Food & Drink Festival 12.6.16</u></p> <p>It was agreed that one stall at the Food & Drink Festival would be adequate to cover both Apple Juice/Abundance and the Saw Mill project. PA to contact Jo Money, it would be good if we could be sited on one of the ends.</p>	<p>PA to contact Jo Money.</p>
6.	<p><u>Congleton Community Co-operative - S.Halliday</u></p> <p><u><i>Report issued by S.Halliday prior to the meeting, but because of the size of the project this has been kept separate from the other Group Reports.</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenancy at Will Agreement signed and keys provided for our Open Days • Site cleared with assistance from:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patti Pinto – Secret Garden • LOL Foundation • Book Marks and Posters designed and printed by Congleton High School • Open Days on 16/17 Apr. 2016 a great success with over 80 people coming to visit. • Research into best Bank Account to open. • Incorporation of Community Co-Operative underway. • Water and Electricity on. • Grant received from Congleton Town Trust • Apply again for Grant from Inclosure Trust in Jul. 2016 but they are very interested in the project. • Other Grants applied for and more to apply for. • Web Site http://www.congletoncommunityco-op.org registered. Still to be developed. • Facebook Page – Congleton Community Co-Op up and running • Change of Use Planning Permission application submitted. Thanks to Anna Morrison for her valuable input. • Met with Property Manager for Old Saw Mill 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Engineer appointed and quotations received for Ground Floor (Cafe & Processing area) • Inventory of requirements drawn up and cutlery, crockery, outside tables, etc., etc. already received from neighbours, friends and associates. Kitchen cabinets received so that we can build counter from them. Lots more needed including half full bags of compost, half full tins of paint, etc. • Notice given to person who is storing his personal effects at the Old Saw Mill at present. Should be clear by end of May. • Lots of interest shown for upstairs “open space” from the community, groups, etc., including Police. • Renault Espace shell now removed from Secret Garden and decking washed down. • BioLiquid installation being researched. • Rain trough and grey toilets being considered • Project Plan developed. Shall request for volunteers to assist. Offers of help already given. • Wayne Doyle (BoJangles) assisting in requirements for cafe, etc. • Congleton High School to be engaged to create murals. • Plans of Land and Property being sought. • Planning permission has been put in for “Change of Use” (16/2191c) result will be known by 29th June, you can support this application by commenting on line until 26th May. 	<p>Support planning app (16/2191c) on line Cheshire East website.</p>
7.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust (Stand Alone Enterprise).</u></p> <p>Update on land ownership and permissions still to be discussed. Cheshire East and Visyon , ongoing discussion on use of some of the “green space” land at the top of Hillfields Steps.</p>	
8.	<p><u>In Bloom- P.Pinto</u></p> <p>Dates for the diary:- 25th May Britain In Bloom route check. 25th July Northwest In Bloom Judging (Tbc) 8th August Britain In Bloom judging day 14th October Britain In Bloom Awards (Birmingham)</p> <p>Patti updated us on some of the projects:-</p>	

	<p>11 potential “Children’s Gardens” Visyon have taken over the site on River Dane Walkway. 270 Hanging baskets ordered. Tesco , developing the Bark Area at the front of the store. Community orchard. Fruit bushes and tree area now complete, Apple Core carving now done.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy-Havannah Hydro.</u></p> <p>Feasibility study now complete meeting called for 9th May to discuss findings and practicalities of the project.</p> <p>Support had already been received from both Eaton Bank Academy and Siemens.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Teams.</u></p> <p><i>Town Centre – S.Foster</i></p> <p>No report since last meeting</p> <p><i>Transport Group – P.Minshull.</i></p> <p>PM and DJ meeting with Andrew Thomson to discuss/review the transport evidence we currently have to see if it is sufficient. If not will go out to tender again. PM also talking to resident group in Timbersbrook with a view to a localised transport survey sometime in June.</p> <p><i>Sustainability & Environmental Gp – P.Aston</i></p> <p>Working on final draft document policies and evidence base.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Commenting Team – P.Minshull.</i></p> <p>1. Eco-home at Noahs Ark Farm Smallwood</p>	

The appeal hearings start on 9th August and PM is not able to attend – is there anyone else available and willing to attend to represent CSG?

2. Cheshire East BC Local Plan

PM has prepared and submitted on behalf of CSG responses to the consultation on the revised Local Plan Strategy. While PM has asked that we attend the hearings we will have to wait and see if we are invited (attendance is by invitation from the Inspector).

3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

PM and D Jones attended the Steering Group meeting, which is working towards the third round consultation. Unfortunately no responses were received for technical assistance; as a result PM and DJ are meeting with Andrew Thomson to review the evidence we currently have to see if this is sufficient; if it is not good enough we will contact the tenderers again. PM has received an invitation from Glyn Roberts to attend a meeting with the residents of Timbersbrook to discuss possible traffic surveys to assist in developing measures to manage traffic through the village and beyond.

Peter has now received acknowledgement for Cheshire East of his Local Plan submission.

Apple Juice – P.Aston

Approx 100 bottles left to sell at Food and Drink Festival

CSG Balance Sheet.

The balance sheet was issued to members prior to the meeting, balance stands at £2387.65

Food4Free.

Report not due, ongoing work around Capitol Walk and Fairground Car Park.

Eco Schools – P.Pinto

Eco schools

We have **9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.**

Astbury, Bosley, Daven & Havannah have lapsed to silver but working on GF topics now);

W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver, all working towards GF. 12 Schools due to apply or renew their Green Flag status in 2016.

CONGRATULATIONS to Saint Mary's & Smallwood, both awarded 4th Green Flags on Friday 22 April (Earth Day)

May: **Buglawton** (renewal in, awaiting assessment date);

June: Scholar Green July: Black Firs & The Quinta; Nov: Marfields & Mossley

Note: Cheshire East JRO finals will be on 30 June, Crewe

April

Weekly garden club at Saint Mary's,

13 April planted many primulas in front garden at Saint Mary's school

13 April: GF assessment of primary school in SOT

14 April: Planted Secret Garden at Old Saw Mill,

14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 April: eco at Saint Mary's incl planting sessions, GF assessment & Rocket science sessions (20, 22, 25, 26, 27 April)

18 April: Visit to Quinta re GF renewal advice

25 April: Visit to Havannah re eco-schools and green flag

Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:

4 April: CSG monthly meeting, Pam Price tour of Obelisk Way Gardens; Jean Phillips re MW book; Astbury Mere woodland project site visit

5 April: Environmental art session at Teggs Nose CP

6 April: Clean for the Queen session in Community Gardens

11 April: dug up 300+ primulas from ex council offices

15 April: Jean Phillips re MW book

16 April: Cong In Bloom launch town centre, Visyon project near Park,

17 April: CSG Cong Community co-op open day, planted primulas at Park Lane Care Home

18 April: In Bloom meeting, Community Garden, Bath House & Physic Garden

19 April: Moody St Garden phase 2 plans discussed on site; photos in Town Wood, visit to Jubilee Club, NLC, site visit Community orchard

25 April: Tesco In Bloom, visit to store to discuss new planting in barked area (~10m x 24m) grasses, perennials and alpines. Sue McLean to find out budget, they will provide vols to plant.

Publicity: Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle. PP continues to admin facebook pages [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & CSG, & Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]

**PP apply to
Partnership for
Eco School
support.**

	<p>PP put on application in The Partnership for support of Eco Schools</p> <p><i>Carbon Reduction – M.Taylor</i></p> <p>Nothing to report on group activity, looking for new audiences for their Sustainable Living Workshop. Article in this month’s edition of the CVS Newsletter.</p> <p>Possible be able to use the new facilities at Back Park St to start up courses again in the autumn.</p> <p><i>SECCAG/CCC – P.Hall</i></p> <p>No report received. Question raised about the Cycling Groups involvement and legacy plans around The Tour Of Britain.</p> <p><i>MS contacted P.Hall and S.Acker-Smith. Joint meeting now arranged on 16th May to discuss the same. 7.45 at Cheshire Tavern (tbc)</i></p> <p>Agenda Item - Cycle Tour on the next CSG Meeting (6th June AMVC)</p>	<p>MS contact PH/S A-S.</p> <p>Agenda item 6th June.</p>
12.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p><i>Fracking.</i></p> <p>Barry’s paper certainly raised a number of issues and it may be time for use to make a stand on the subject. Firstly it was felt we should start a “local” discussion before coming out ourselves with a firm view.</p> <p>BF /PA & MT to work on putting an article together for The Chronicle to stimulate some discussion throughout the town.</p> <p>MS to re-circulate Barry’s paper, would members them let PA have their views on the subject (To Frank or Not)</p>	<p>BF/PA/MT Chronicle article</p> <p>MS re-circulate Barry’s paper</p>

	<p><u>Meeting closed at 11.30pm and adjourned to The Old saw Mill for a site visit.</u></p>	
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Next Meeting:- Monday 6th June 2016, 10.00am, Astbury Mere Visitor Centre.