

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 4.7.16 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:-** Old Saw Mill.

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

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> The meeting was chaired by P.Aston	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> P.Hirst , M.Smith,	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (6.616)</u> The notes from the last meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. <u>Matters Arising were as follows:-</u> <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. This is still to be confirmed, there are alternatives possible. Looking at the weekend 21 to 23 rd Oct. <i>Item 3. School Orchard Survey</i> - PA / PP still to complete this piece of work.	 PP /PA /SH work up Apple Adventure Day PA/ PP school orchard survey
4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> June's agenda was used.	
5.	<u>Fracking – B.Fox.</u> <i>Barry circulated a paper prior to this meeting.</i> After discussion and some feedback on individuals views on the subject the following actions were agreed.	

	<p>PA/BF to complete tabled article for The Chronicle.</p> <p>PA to check with Andrew Thompson re his understanding of any national Fracking Legislation and the Governments stand point on the issue.</p> <p>The aim of the article will be to drive some local discussion around the subject with a view to sending findings / issues / concerns onto Cheshire East Cabinet</p>	<p>PA/BF Article for The Chronicle</p> <p>PA talk to Andrew Thompson</p>
6.	<p><u>Food Festival</u> Despite the early rain very successful we took £440. Thanks to everyone who helped.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Congleton Community Co-operative - S.Halliday</u></p> <p><i>Reports issued by S.Halliday weekly including both a task and supply sheet.</i></p> <p>Main issue is the continuing storage of previous occupant's stuff upstairs stopping the completion and opening of upstairs, downstairs ready for builders to start later this month.</p> <p>Grant received from TWDT, many thanks.</p> <p>Dewi offered to seek help for Processing Room floor</p>	<p>Dewi</p>
8.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust (Stand Alone Enterprise).</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	
9.	<p><u>In Bloom- P.Pinto</u></p> <p><i>Dates for the diary:-</i> <i>25th July Northwest In Bloom Judging (Tbc)</i> <i>8th August Britain In Bloom judging day</i> <i>14th October Britain In Bloom Awards (Birmingham)</i></p>	

10.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy-Havannah Hydro.</u></p> <p>Looking to go ahead with the project, support has already been received from both Eaton Bank Academy and Siemens.</p> <p>Possible use an Archimedes Screw design</p> <p>PA working on applying for a second phase grant, decision expected from meeting of DVCE 5th July.</p>	<p>PA work on 2nd phase grant</p>
10.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Teams.</u></p> <p>Draft plan to be ready for end of July</p> <p>Public Consultation in September.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><u>Commenting Team – P.Minshull</u></p> <p>1. Seddon development off Canal Road</p> <p>PM has submitted a response on behalf of CSG to an application by Seddon to amend the access road within their development off Canal Road; the response questioned the need for the amendment and asked CEBC to ensure that the revised layout is essential to deliver the development as approved at appeal, i.e. it is not a precursor to a further significant change.</p> <p>2. Cheshire East BC Local Plan</p> <p>No further information.</p> <p>3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group</p>	

The Timbersbrook traffic surveys were undertaken at the beginning of the month. The surveys are being analysed by a local resident who is a highway engineer, but PM has yet to receive feedback from the survey or the results. The results will go into the evidence base for the transport policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

4. Volunteer hours for May 2016

CSG commenting team (excluding NP): 7hrs

NP Transport Team (all members) 0hrs

Apple Juice.

Good sales at Food & Drink

PA to think how we might do a special cider brew for The Tour Of Britain.

Treasures Report.

Issued prior to the meeting, funds available £1335.36

Carbon Reduction – M.Taylor

Group to meet later in July

PA has approached Bulb / Good Energy re buying electricity from renewable sources.

Cycling Campaign – P.Hall

Congleton Cycling Club is organising a Tour Of Britain promotional/charity ride called “Cheshire East Tour of Britain Charity Sportive”. This will be an 86 mile ride over some of the ToB route raising fund for North West Air Ambulance and Children’s Adventure Farm Trust. Considerable discussion took place as to the legacy opportunities from the Tour of Britain – agreed that we should have a plan of a proposed ‘Circuit of Congleton’ highlighting work to achieve and drive an ambition forward that is

open to residents and visitors alike to fulfil the ambition – Congleton is the Cycling Centre of Cheshire East through Congleton Partnership.

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.

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

May: **Buglawton** (renewal in, assessment date is 6 July);

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

Note: Cheshire East JRO finals were held on 30 June, Crewe

Saint Mary's JROs Joint Winners CE Annual JRO finals

Woodcocks' Well, Runners Up Broadband competition

June

Weekly garden club at Saint Mary's,

13 June: Visit to Quinta re green flag

17 June: Empty classroom day at Saint Mary's all day

22 June: Wildlife Gardening Forum Conference, at Crewe, all day

24 & 29 June: GF assessments of two primary schools (Solihull & Sandbach Heath)

**Peter Hall and
Peter Aston**

	30 June: JRO finals	
12.	<u>AOB</u>	
13.	Meeting closed at 11.35am . <i>Next Meeting:- Monday 1st August at The Old Saw Mill.</i>	