

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 1.8.16 (Part 1) **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), M.Gartside, P.Pinto, S.Foster, M.Smith, P.Minshull, S.Halliday, Dewi Jones, G.Williams, P.Ranson

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter welcome all to the meeting in what hopefully will now become our permanent meeting venue.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>P.Hall, B.Fox, M.Axford ,M.Taylor and P.Hirst.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (4.7.16)</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 and School Orchard survey</i> .Still to be completed. PP/PA/SH to action.</p> <p><i>Item 5. Fracking.</i> Article for Chronicle still to be finalised. PA still to discuss with A.Thompson.</p> <p><i>Item 10. Community Energy.</i> Grant application still being worked on. PA to action</p>	<p>PP/PA/SH</p> <p>PA/BF</p> <p>PA</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as advised.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Letter from Marfield</u></p>	

	<p>The letter from Marlfields School requesting funding support towards Grren Flag renewal had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It should be noted that all schools benefit from CSG support by the work Patti does to a degree.</p> <p>PA to write to S.Isherwood (Principal) pointing here towards the William Dean Trust. CSG would write a letter of support to William Dean for any school that who applies to them and would wish us to add some weight to their application. PA to action.</p>	<p>PA write to S.Isherwood.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust – Vale Allotments</u></p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Congleton Community Coop</u></p> <p>SH working on opening a bank account, currently discussing with Handlesbanken at Wilmslow.</p> <p>The meeting was asked to give their permission for CSG to act as CCC’s accountable body until the account is opened. This was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Weekly letter continues to be sent out to all.</p> <p>Titanic Breweries (12 outlets) approached us to be their Cider suppliers (approx. 20 Tonnes) they would supply the apples via their collection system. PA / SH have met with Dunham Massey to keep them informed of our long term plans. Phil Worthington (CHS) is designing a new Logo/ Label for the bottles for 2016 vintage, we must make sure the brand name remains constant.</p> <p>Bookings for use of some of the rooms are starting to come in at an encouraging level.</p> <p>Membership of the Coop will commence around the end of September</p>	

8.	<p><u>Congleton In Bloom</u></p> <p>1 July: Astbury Mere Care Home, digging over & planting</p> <p>2 July: photos at Museum of Cheshire Hoards & Roman soldiers</p> <p>3 July: Cong Clean 4 Queen spring clean at Antrobus St Grdns,</p> <p>4 July: C In Bloom meeting</p> <p>4 July: CSG monthly meeting at OSM</p> <p>4 July: plant up at Fire station of sunflowers with Saint Mary's Yr 6 pupils</p> <p>4-14 July: set up polytunnel for Global Gardens, supervise plant ups (Smallwood, Quinta, Brownies, Astbury, Saint Mary's, St Mary's pre-school, Mossley, Friendly Faces)</p> <p>Global Gardens open on Sat/ Sun from 6th August 2pm to 4pm.</p> <p>15 June: In Bloom meeting</p> <p>23 July: weeding etc at Community orchard</p> <p>24 July: big tidy up at Saint Mary's pre-judging</p> <p>25 July: NWIB tour with judges (9am to 6.45pm) Good feedback from them, most complimentary. Good pointers for BIB Judges visit 8.8.16..The Big One!</p> <p>July: Portfolio, photos, leaflets for C In Bloom</p> <p>July: sourcing plants for Secret Garden at Old Saw Mill</p> <p>July: Designing for Tatton, H&S, taking & setting up Show Feature from Congleton In Bloom to Tatton, attendance</p>	<p>PP</p> <p>All help if you</p>
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	<p>at Tatton etc</p> <p>Litter Pick / Town Tidy Sunday 7th August, meet Community Gardens 5pm to 7pm.</p> <p>Judging Day Mon 8th August 'Britain In Bloom' National Competition.</p> <p>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, Congleton Community Co-Op & Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]</p>	can however small.
9.	<p><u>Dane Vally Community Energy – Havannah Hydro.</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan Draft.</u></p> <p>First draft was issued to members last week (80+ pages) have until the end of August to make comments. Next steering group meeting early September to review comments and further refine the document.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Fracking- the way forward.</u></p> <p>BF and PA still working on the Chronicle article. Barry has sent out a number of papers on the subject.</p>	BF/PA Chronicle article.
12.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco Schools.</i></p> <p>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.</p>	

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

Congratulations to Buglawton awarded 2nd GF on 6 July;

Autumn: Scholar Green, Black Firs, The Quinta, Havannah, Astbury, Marfields & Mossley

July Eco

Weekly garden club at Saint Mary's,

6 July: Buglawton Green flag assessment

14 July: Visit to Scholar Green Primary re green flag renewal application

Commenting Team.

1. Development off Macclesfield Road

PM has submitted a response on behalf of CSG to an application for a development of around 200 homes off Macclesfield Road. While the site is now included in the revised Local Plan, there are a number of issues with the details of the application.

2. Noah's Ark eco-home (9th Aug)

PM has prepared a statement to be submitted to the upcoming appeal into the refusal by CEBC for an eco-home at Smallwood – in this case we are supporting the development as it is proposed to be built to Passivhaus Premium and Code 6 CSH standards and so would be an exemplary development to encourage similar standards elsewhere in the Borough (hopefully). Unfortunately PM is not able to attend and DJ has agreed to represent us at the appeal hearings.

3. Cheshire East BC Local Plan

PM has received and accepted an invitation to attend the Procedural Meeting on 23rd August. This is the meeting where the Inspector will set out the procedure for the resumption of the hearings.

4. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

PM attended the Steering Group meeting. A draft NP has been produced by Andrew T and is now distributed for each group to

comment, not only on their topic but how the whole plan fits together.

Carbon Reduction / Food4Free

Nil reports this month

Apple Juice / Cider.

Congleton Apple Juice won 1st Prize for Cheshire Life – Food & Drink Award. Congratulations to all involved.

Stock left. Apple Juice 3 c/s & Cider 600 Litres 9unbottled) at Dunham Massey.

Balance Sheet.

The balance sheet was issued prior to the meeting.

Fund available £3053.81.

Also attached a copy of OSM (Old Saw Mill) Income & Expenditure

Cycling Campaign (SECCA & CCC)

I have sent out the map and Peter's paper as both need reading in conjunction with each other, I have included a copy of the paper as a record in these minutes.

If you have any comments /feedback on these ideas please let Peter know directly, also copy me in.

Congleton Cycle Network Wish-List

This is a list of improvements to the highway network in Congleton that would make cycling more attractive for everyday use. It also includes places where links could be made to avoid cycling blackspots. This list is not exhaustive! It should be read in conjunction with the accompanying marked up map.

1. Install a light controlled crossing on Newcastle Road to link Sandy Lane/Astbury Mere to Solly Crescent on NCN573.
2. Make sure that Barn Road is joined to the North Congleton 'Green Corridor' so that residents of all new development in North Congleton can get to shops without using a car.
3. Create a segregated cycle route from Barn Road to Congleton Town Centre via the playing fields at St Mary's school and a new cycle/walking bridge into River Street and then Cross Street. If the Town and Borough Councils are serious about keeping Congleton Town Centre alive a link like this would encourage people to use both shopping areas (Barn Rd and Town Centre) without using cars. This would create a 5 minute trip!
4. Create a link via the new housing development at the bottom of Jackson Road to Moss Lane and then on to the North Congleton (Green Corridor). This will give a quick, quiet link to the Town Centre via Congleton Park.
5. Improve the Macclesfield Canal towpath from Buxton Road to Congleton Wharf. This will improve access to Congleton railway station from Buglawton.
6. Improve Lamberts Lane from Macclesfield Canal to Fol Hollow.
7. Create direct access from Lamberts Lane to Astbury Mere.
8. Improve access from Lamberts Lane to Howey Lane.
9. Improve the flow of cycle traffic from Lawton Street to the 'Town Centre to Station' cycle route at the bottom of Park Lane. Currently this is OK towards the Town Centre but dreadful towards the station.
10. Is the approximate line of the North Congleton 'Green Corridor'.

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AOB

There was no further business - Meeting closed 11.57pm

Next Meeting:-

Mon 5th September, The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am

