

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 6.3.17 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), P.Pinto, S.Foster, M.Smith, Dewi Jones, P.Minshull, B.Fox & P.Hall

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies.</u></p> <p>G.Williams, M.Axford ,J.Cockell ,P.Hirst,M.Taylor,P.Ranson & M.Gartside.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (6.217)</u></p> <p><i>Item 3. OSM Page on Partnership Website.</i> MS contacted Cathy Dean. She will set up a new page/ and social media facility when requested. Still to be worked on.</p> <p><i>Item 8 , paragraph 3. (Old Saw Mill)</i> Business plan development. Need to look at the lease, insulation, membership scheme, relationship between CSG (Apple Juice)& OSM as a landlord/ partner, future services etc.PA/PR still to action</p>	<p>PA/DJ</p> <p>PA/PR</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as advised with addition to BF fracking update.</p>	
5.	<p><u>BF Fracking paper update.</u></p> <p>BF issued an update to his fracking paper (6.3.17) BF would like someone with knowledge of the subject to read though the document and give their view on its contents. PA to contact P.Bulmer (Cheshire West and Cheshire)</p>	<p>PA contact P.Bulmer PA raise at</p>

	BF asked if we knew if any development was going on, PA to raise at Partnership Exec 7.3.17, see if any of the CEBC ward members present are aware of anything or who we should talk to.	P'ship.				
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>The scheme has a new name "Havannah Weir Hydro".</p> <p>Public meeting being held at Eaton Bank Academy , Tuesday 28th March 6.30pm.</p> <p>This engagement event will both brief the public on the scheme as a whole and the opportunity to become involved in community share ownership and volunteer support to the project.</p> <p>The main partners Siemens, HMK and EBA will all be in attendance and fully supportive of the scheme.</p>					
7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>A.Thompson is planning a drop in session with each of the group chairs to through the policy detail fo their groups.</p> <p>A group chairs meeting is planned for March to follow up the drop ins and sing off their documents for their teams.</p> <p>Regulation 14 stage will then kick in with consultation on the document with CEBC .</p> <p>Planned timetable:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="212 1023 1637 1321"> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1023 790 1174">w/c 13 March 2017</td> <td data-bbox="790 1023 1637 1174">draft the Neighbourhood Plan for the Regulation 14 consultation with Cheshire East, other statutory bodies and the wider local community. There is a 6 week period of consultation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="212 1174 790 1321">May 2017</td> <td data-bbox="790 1174 1637 1321">we review all of the responses received and consider revisions and amendments to the plan. We edit the plan and include all photographs, plans and supporting documentation.</td> </tr> </table>	w/c 13 March 2017	draft the Neighbourhood Plan for the Regulation 14 consultation with Cheshire East, other statutory bodies and the wider local community. There is a 6 week period of consultation.	May 2017	we review all of the responses received and consider revisions and amendments to the plan. We edit the plan and include all photographs, plans and supporting documentation.	
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	(Steering Group booked 11 May)			
	June 2017	we finalise the neighbourhood plan, complete the statement of consultation and basic condition statement for submission to Cheshire East under Regulation 15. There is a further 6 week period of consultation.		
	Summer 2017	Cheshire East appoint an Independent Examiner.		
	Late summer 2017	The Examiners report is received and the revisions and amendments to the neighbourhood plan are considered and a decision is taken to take the plan forward to Referendum.		
	Autumn 2017	the Referendum is held.		
	Autumn / Winter 2017	After the Referendum the Plan is found sound and is 'made'.		
8.	<p><u>Congleton Cooperative OSM Project.</u></p> <p>BF/MT have be working on trying to get of the OSM's energy costs, using a large amount of Oil/ Electricity. Insulation is the major issue. PA contact Mike Rance but he could help other than suggest we contact someone in The carbon Trust.</p> <p>PP advised that she has a contact for Eco Schools that does this king of work (cost around £150) she will see if he can help.</p> <p>Family may be willing to sell the whole site to Congleton Cooperative, need to way up the pros and cons before spending too much more money on the building.</p> <p>Flowcrete have taken OSM on board as part of their social/community support and working on improving its profile.</p>			<p>PP contact Eco Schools advisor</p>

	<p>Bookings are still growing , we now have around 30 members registered, PA to take application forms to the exec meeting 7.3.17</p> <p>Now have a bookkeeper Joanne Reeves and accountant John Davies</p> <p>Annual account now moved to end of March (tax year end)</p> <p>AGM will be held April / May.</p> <p>Kitchen upstairs now being developed and have been gifted a disabled toilet which is currently being built.</p> <p>Room Rates. New room rates and booking form being put out.</p> <p>PR – Facebook followers 217 / Email 1100 (400 readers)/ Chronicle, Bear Necessities & looking at The Independent.</p> <p>Signage. MS look at a “Blue” similar to play area signs off Antrobus St, and discuss fingerposts with JMac</p> <p>Cycle rack. PH to design a rack to go on the front of the building</p>	<p>MS look at signage.</p> <p>PH cycle sign.</p>
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All plots have now been allocated and ploholders are working to prepare for the new growing season 1. More rubbish and vegetation has been tidied from the site, ready for removal by the Town Council 1. It is understood that Moody Street residents have discussed the retaining wall at the top of the site and are seeking advice from a structural engineer on necessary repairs 1. VAGA now has society membership of the National Allotment Society and a bulk seed purchase scheme has been set up by Peter Ranson 	

	<p>1. A meeting with Marfields Primary School to discuss the possibility of setting up allotment plots for pupils is being arranged</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>The Network Map is currently being revised and proofs are being checked at present. It is anticipated that SECCAG will have 15,000 copies printed and these will be distributed to all year 5 and 6 children in the schools of Cheshire East as well as at TICs and libraries, rail stations and all bike shops. The more we can show people where they can cycle away from main roads the more we think they will get out of their cars. The more people cycle the less pollution will be produced, the fewer the cars creating congestion on our roads.</p> <p>If more people cycle then they will tend to be healthier and therefore be less of a strain on the NHS. This has been funded by the Partnerships in the 5 towns of SE Cheshire.</p> <p>CCC and the Town Council have commissioned Sustrans to produce a Feasibility Study to see what improvements can be made to the cycle network in Congleton town. A survey has been done and the report will be with us soon. It is intended that findings from this study can be used to source funding for improvements such as light controlled road crossings, surface improvements and comprehensive signage. It is planned that these improvements will be part of the Tour of Britain Cycle Legacy. This has funded by contributions from the Inclosure Trust and the Town Council.</p> <p>3 schemes:-</p> <p>Area at the bottom of Park Lane</p> <p>Mountbatten Way / Footpath, dual usage</p> <p>Cross town route from Barn Rd to Rope Walk /Town Ctr</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Green space / Mossley.</u></p> <p>PP reported that there appears to be quite a bit going on in Mossley, In Bloom may and try to set up a community / neighbourhood group there. If successful they will discuss the Old Water Tower site then and see if there is interest .</p>	

12.	<p><u>Community Walks</u></p> <p>Peter's current set of 6 walks has now finished. He looking to start a new set during April / May</p> <p>PP would like to do some garden walks June to August</p> <p>SF/PM reported that Astbury Mere are reprinting the "Southern Fringes " leaflet. Total update with improved graphics.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Group Reports</u></p> <p><i>Treasurers Report.</i></p> <p>Circulated to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p><i>Apple Juice.</i></p> <p>918 bottles AJ in stock</p> <p>30 bottles / 80L cider in stock</p> <p>2500L cider laid down at OSM</p> <p><i>Eco Schools.</i></p> <p>Note: 14 GF schools in CE 12 GF schools in CW&C</p> <p>9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>Congratulations to the following five schools who renewed their GF in 2016: Marlfields (5) Black Firs (4), Buglawton (3), Smallwood (4), Saint Mary's (4).</p> <p>Congratulations to The Quinta who were awarded their 3rd GF on 27 Jan;</p> <p>Congratulations to Scholar Green awarded 3rd GF on 8 Feb.</p> <p>For the rest of 2017: Mossley (renewal applic in awaiting date), Marton due to renew 1 Oct.</p> <p>On Silver: Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on</p>	

silver, all working towards GF.

Feb: PP working with Scholar Green (GF) & Saint Mary's on eco schools, birdwatching & global (Fairtrade fortnight))

PP also advising Goostrey CPS for GF renewal

PP assessed two schools (in Coventry & Solihull, 9 & 10 Feb) for KBT eco-schools

Marlfields Tesco bags of help grant: allotment: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marlfields

Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:

3 Feb: attended opening of new community orchard YMCA, SOT

6 Feb: CSG meeting;

14 Feb: In Bloom NWIB coordinators meeting at Myerscroft College, Preston (with MG)

16 Feb: In Bloom, seminar given to East Midlands in Bloom, Leicester (with BE & DB)

18 Feb: attended Community orchard YMCA session sharing good practice in orchard maintenance, apple pressing etc

24 Feb: In Bloom meeting (prep before meeting devising draft route for BIBNW tour)

Orchard maintenance: Scholar Green Primary (8 Feb), Saint Mary's (22 Feb), Fairground community orchard (26 Feb)

Mosaics for Moody St (at EPH, 25 Feb) photos for publicity

Back to back gardens project, theme for 2017: The Bug Gardens

National Garden Week 10th April 2017

Bath House Open day 13th may, looking to set up Seed Swap Day at that event.

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, Old Saw Mill & Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]

Cycling Campaign.

Report earlier in theses minutes.

Commenting Team.

1. Seddon Development off Canal Road

PM prepared and submitted a response on behalf of CSG to the detail planning application submitted by Seddon Homes for their development off Canal Road. The response covered issues that we raised either formally during the appeal hearings or informally outside the hearings which we consider have not be adequately addressed in this detail application. We also commented on other detail issues particularly the proposed emergency access road onto Howey Lane.

2. Bellway Development off Waggs Road

PM prepared and submitted a response on behalf of CSG to the latest planning application by Bellway Homes for development off Waggs Road. The earlier application had been refused by CEBC and dismissed at appeal, a decision which was subsequently upheld at Judicial Review. In essence the earlier application had been lost on road safety and impact on local highway network, principally Waggs Road and Fol Hollow. The vast majority of our response consisted of demonstrating how the current proposals fail to meet the reasons for refusal/dismissal.

3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

PM and DJ represented the transport group at the group chairs meeting on 14th February. At this meeting each group was

	<p>asked to review and sign off their policies prior to the NP being sent out for Regulation 14 consultation. Subsequent to the meeting PM and DJ met with Andrew Thomson to clarify the issues Andrew had raised with transport. The Transport Group met on 25th February and the comments of the group will be forwarded to Andrew early in March.</p> <p>4. Cheshire East BC Local Plan Following the closure of the Inspector's hearings at the end of last year Cheshire East BC has issued the main modifications to the Local Plan Strategy and these are out to public consultation until 20th March. PM will consider if we need to respond to these and if necessary produce a response. Once the consultation responses have been considered by CEBC and any modifications made the Plan will go forward to be adopted by the Council.</p> <p>CEBC have also issued other documents for consultation, the main ones being the Site Allocations and Community Infrastructure Levy – both these documents are open for consultation until 10th April; again PM will consider if a response is needed from CSG.</p> <p>Food4Free. Report not due.</p> <p>Carbon Reduction. No report except BF's Fracking report this month.</p>	
14.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Sarah Pugh looking to run a Permaculture course at OSM, date tbc.</p> <p>St John's – Community Centre opening Saturday 11th at 12 noon, all welcome</p> <p>Mini Bus – Congleton community transport partnership launch Wed 15th March New Life Church 2.00pm.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p>	

	Mon 3 rd April 2017 The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am	
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