

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 5.6.17 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

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

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> M.Taylor, P.Hall, M.Axford, P.Hirst</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (8.5.17)</u></p> <p><i>Item 3. OSM Page on Partnership Website.</i> MS contacted Cathy Dean requesting that a separate page be set up for OSM. Now live, Flowcrete working on a dedicated website and various PR activities.</p> <p><i>Item 1. Cycle rack.</i> PH has contacted Belmont, price agreed, Belmont to arrange an installation date.</p> <p><i>Item 14. Electric Car Charging Point.</i> The existing two are planned to be transferred to Macclesfield. Possible activity to include Morrisons or The Mills development, although nothing concrete as yet.</p> <p>All other issues covered in the main agenda.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as advised.</p>	
5.	<p><u>BF Geothermal report.</u></p> <p>Barry is currently wading through a 150 page report by Atkins to try and form a picture of what Geothermal is all about and</p>	

	<p>form some view on its potential. He will send out links to the report for other members to read. It would seem that not all of the UK is potentially viable to produce an economic case for Geothermal development, key areas would appear to be Cornwall and The Lake District, with Cheshire and Wessex areas of interest.</p> <p>To gain a better understanding of where we are at in Cheshire, GW will invite Dan Griffiths (CE Skills and Growth Company) to talk to us about CE Energy Vision and Geothermal possibilities.</p>	<p>GW invite D Griffiths to a CSG meeting.</p>
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Application made for a preplanning meeting.</p> <p>Agreement in principal to buy the land (price agreed)</p> <p>£66k grant from WRAP to support all of this early work.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>All subgroup work finished, report is now with D.McGifford to discuss with CE Planning dept.</p>	
8.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill (new official name).</u></p> <p>Good income being generated both in room hire and the café. Meals on Wheels project is starting to be discussed and planned. Disabled toilet almost ready.</p> <p>Note name change to :- The Old Saw Mill this will now become its public/community face. New dedicated website (linked to The Partnership website) being developed using the URL WWW.oldsawmill.org</p> <p>Premises licence granted May 2017.</p> <p>AGM for OSM planned for 29th June,7.00pm, members only can vote.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p>	

	<p>No actual report this month.</p> <p>They will be attending the Food & Drink Festival.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>See Cycle Campaign group report.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>Congleton In Bloom</p> <p>May, Weds 1-3pm : Visyon (with MG) to help with their garden near Cong park</p> <p>13 May: IYN Bath House & Physic Garden Open Day, CIB/CSG/Saint Mary's stall</p> <p>13 May: Sustainable bed plant up in Congleton Park, with FoCP</p> <p>13 May: Children's tubs plant up at Community polytunnel</p> <p>16 & 18 May; OSM garden</p> <p>30 May: IYN Astbury Mere, meeting with Ranger Matt Axford & AMT Jeannie Silk re prep for NWIB on 20 July</p> <p>31 May: In Bloom meeting</p> <p>Back to back gardens project, theme for 2017: The Bug Gardens, 10 confirmed, community polytunnel assessed for spacing etc of small gardens. Backboards all delivered.</p> <p>7 May: Training course, Bumblebee identification intermediate, Dungeness</p> <p>20 July NWIB Judging Day</p> <p>Publicity:</p>	

	<p>Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle.</p> <p>PP continues to admin facebook pages, adding articles, photos, events etc [Congleton In Bloom, Congleton Food4free & CSG, Old Saw Mill & Saint Mary's Garden Club pages]</p>	
12.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco Schools.</i></p> <p>Note: 14 GF schools in CE 12 GF schools in CW&C 9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>For the rest of 2017: Mossley (assessed on 24 May for 4th GF), Marton due to renew by 1 Oct (for 3rd GF). Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver, all working towards GF.</p> <p>17 May, Advice session and mock assessment at Mossley 18 May: Outdoor classroom day at Saint Mary's</p> <p>Marlfields: Tesco bags of help grant awarded: school allotment planned: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marlfields; visited Vale allotments with MG & John Cockell. Weekly Garden club at Saint Mary's.</p> <p><i>Commenting Team.</i></p> <p>1. Seddon Development off Canal Road</p> <p>Following the decision by the CEBC Southern Planning Committee on 29th March to defer a decision due to a number of concerns including our concern of insufficient bungalows (contrary to the Local Plan and emerging Congleton Neighbourhood Plan) the developer has increased the number of bungalows from 4 to 6 (all semi-detached). This is still inadequate so PM has written to CEBC making the case for significantly more bungalows. The application will go to the May meeting of the SPC (31st May) and PM will speak to try and increase the number of bungalows.</p> <p>PM reported that following the 31st May meeting all reserved matters were rubber stamped with a small improvement around</p>	

the traffic control of the emergency access onto Moody St.

2. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

PM represented the Transport Group at the NP steering group meeting on 11th May. The meeting reviewed the draft NP in advance of going to Regulation 14 consultation.

3. PM to contact A.Arnold CEBC Planning Dept to discuss planning process issues.

Cycling report.

Second visit from Sustrans to look at creating a working cycle network took place on 30 May. Full report now due early June. They have done an extra day of survey for nothing because of the delay in producing the initial report.

CE have asked the campaign to submit a 'network map' for the town and our desired links to other towns. The Sustrans survey will feed into this.

Stop press

Cheshire Police are hosting a cycle awareness day on June 29 at the HQ in Winsford.

This is in response to 'Space for Cycling' initiative from Cycling UK and has been trialled by West Midlands Police. Plainclothes officers on bikes are reporting drivers who pass cyclists too close to colleagues further down the road. The offending drivers are then stopped, spoken to and can be sent on awareness courses. There will also be sessions on crap cycling too, just to balance the piece.

Cycling campaign will be at Food and Drink (PH is away)

Belmont to sort out a date to install the cycle rail at OSM.

	<p>Apple Juice/ Cider</p> <p>Around 500 bottles of Apple Juice in stock and 36 bottles of Cider.</p> <p>A quantity of cider now ready for blending / bottling.</p> <p>Balance Sheet (April to 5th June)</p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised.</p> <p>Food4 Free</p> <p>No report due</p> <p>Carbon Reduction Group</p> <p>No actual report (see below)</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Cheshire Wildlife Trust.</p> <p>The report that had previously been circulated to members could be a potential do list for CSG. Matt / Peter have come up with a list of 5 issues / broad objectives. Sub group to be put together to further refine these to workable tasks (PA, MA, Jack Swann, Rachel Giles & DJ)</p> <p>Add to next meetings agenda</p> <p>Carbon Reduction Team.</p> <p>MT has had to step down due to family commitments so need to look at bulking up the Carbon Reduction Team. Look to run a SLIC course through U3A in the autumn, could also run a course at OSM. Look to involve previous course members in joining and running some of the courses.</p>	<p>Sub group work on tasks</p> <p>Add to next meetings agenda</p>

	<p><i>P.Emms – Self Build Project.</i></p> <p>PA reported that Paul Emms is looking to develop a self-build project on the old Max Press site. Open meeting planned at OSM 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th June.</p> <p><i>Walks and Wildlife Booklet (South of Congleton)</i></p> <p>PM. Circulated copies of the new Footpaths to Fitness “Walks and Wildlife booklet. These are available at various locations eg TIC, Library, Astbury Mere and OSM.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p> <p>Mon 3rd July 2017 The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	