

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 2.10.17 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

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

Guests:- D.Griffiths & Alisha Tauro (The Skills and Growth Company CE)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> Peter Aston chaired the meeting. Welcomed Dan and Alisha from Skills and Growth.	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> M.Axford, P.Hall, P.Minshull, P.Ranson	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (7.8.17)</u> <i>Item 3. Old Saw Mill Newsletter.</i> DJ has contacted U3A asking if we can exchange newsletters, no reply received as yet. <i>Item 5. Letter to Chronicle re badger culling.</i> PA still to write a letter to The Chronicle in our support of Cheshire Wildlife Trust and their stance against the badger cull in Cheshire. <i>Item 8. Old Saw Mill / used kitchen equipment.</i> DJ has contacted Plus Dane re used kitchen equipment when they are refurbishing houses. All other issues covered in the main agenda.	
4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> The agenda from Sept meeting was used as a guide.	
5.	<u>Geothermal Energy in the Cheshire Basin – D.Griffiths .</u> Dan took us through a presentation on the science and possible benefits of geothermal energy. The Cheshire Basin has a huge resource, the same amount of energy of around 3 billion barrels of oil. Whilst Crewe sits in prime position to benefit the	

	<p>most there are also opportunities for Congleton and Macclesfield with heat network development stages indicated within the presentation. Temperature predictions within the base of the basin indicate a possible heat of 100C</p> <p>There is still a lot of work to be done, not least funding and partners, but if successful could result in extra jobs within Cheshire, cheaper fuel and a significant reduction in CO2.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation has been circulated to CSG members.</p> <p>Dan happy to come back to future meetings to keep us informed on progress of the project.</p> <p>Item for the next agenda (Mon 6th November) Domestic Heating in the Country – BF to put a paper together before the next meeting.</p>	<p>MS circulate presentation slides.</p> <p>BF paper on domestic heating.</p> <p>Add Dom Heating to next meeting agenda.</p>
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>No change from the last meeting. PA just gave Dan an overview of where we are at, DJ to add Dan to the Hydro Scheme newsletter distribution list.</p> <p>Dan to generate a letter in support of the planning application.</p> <p>Issue around Derwent Engineering and when they would be able to commit to the work. Still hoping for Spring 2018 but could be more like Spring 2019.</p> <p>Community Share drive will be dependent on the above time table.</p> <p>Regular newsletter being sent to EBA attendees CSG to be included in this circulation. DJ send to MS for circulated around the group.</p>	<p>DJ add Dan to newsletter distribution list.</p>

7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>Moved to Reg 14 today, sent out to around 700 consultees.</p> <p><i>Copy of Jackie email for information:-</i></p> <p><i>Just to let you know that we have just put the Congleton Draft Local Plan out on its Regulation 14 consultation. This lasts for 6 weeks (until the 13th November). It has been sent to 701 people who were either on the Cheshire East Council list of consultees or local Congleton groups which have expressed an interest in the plan.</i></p> <p><i>A copy of the draft plan has been loaded onto the front of the Town Council Website and the My Congleton website.</i></p> <p><i>Paper copies for reading at the premises have been given to the TIC and the library.</i></p> <p><i>An article should be the main back page piece in the Chronicle tomorrow.</i></p> <p><i>Once the comments are in the draft plan will be reviewed, changes made, then a second round of Regulation 15 consultation will take place where people can have their say.</i></p> <p><i>Ultimately it there will be a referendum on whether or not to accept the plan – this is likely to take place in Spring 2018.</i></p>	
8.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p>Apple Juice / Cider / Cider Vinegar</p> <p>A sheet indicating stock levels of the above was circulated at the meeting. Storage is becoming an issue and any help would be gratefully received.</p> <p>DJ is visiting various businesses to try and build some regular business with them. Pricelist order form circulated at the meeting, MS raised the possibility of interest from McColls in Buglawton, DJ to follow up.</p>	

	<p>Apple waste is now being collected and used by an outlet in Somerford.</p> <p>All products carry batch numbers, production and best before date information</p> <p>DJ still to put together an options report on ownership etc.</p>	<p>DJ put together an options report on AJ/Cider</p>
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p><u>No official report</u></p> <p>Marfield School taking over 2 allotments using Tesco Bag Grant Funding. They now have the key and are planning to get the plots cleared.</p> <p>Marfield did include the allotment involvement in their recent press report in The Chronicle.</p> <p>Wall still needs repairing.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>PH reported by email that work was progressing on the cycle path linking Holmes Chapel Rd and Sandbach Road through Loachbrook.</p> <p>GW/DB still pursuing the issue of the bridge into the park from Astbury Place.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>9 Sep: Cong & Dist Hort Show; Bath House & Physic Garden Open Day</p> <p>11 Sept: WDT Grant meeting</p> <p>12 Sept: C Part. Meeting & AGM</p>	

	<p>13 Sept Cong Park Green Flag</p> <p>26 Sept: weeded then planted up front garden at OSM (pansies & violas)</p> <p>Back to back Bug gardens project, Opened for public viewing Sat/Sun through September, will be open each weekend to close Sunday 1 Oct. School groups and other groups taken round the gardens. Still two more school groups to visit early Oct. We will be dismantling from 10 Oct.</p> <p>Planning for Kids tubs plant up in Oct.</p> <p>Southport RHS award events Thurs/Fri 2nd/3rd November</p> <p>Celebration Event Congleton Town hall 15th November.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Natural Environment.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting, however a subgroup has met and is drawing up a plan of action.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco Schools – P.Pinto</i></p> <p>Note: 14 GF schools in C.East 12 GF schools in CW&C 9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>Due to renew 2017-18: 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3rd GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF), Marlfields (1 Dec, 6th GF). 2018 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (22 Apr, 5th GF), Buglawton (6 July 3rd GF) 2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF) Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver. Marlfields: Tesco bags of help grant awarded: school allotment planned: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marlfields. Saint Mary's weekly gardening sessions, eco environmental review etc.</p>	

<p>Wk beg 8 Sept; Worlds largest lesson focus on goal 2: food, sustainability and hunger</p> <p>Review of revised requirements from eco-schools for renewing schools.</p> <p>25 Sept: Assessment of school in Northwich for GF.</p> <p>27 Sept: Green plan it challenge, launch at Whitworth Art Gallery, PP now RHS Mentor to team at Holmes Chapel high school</p> <p>Commenting Team.</p> <p>No report this month.</p> <p>Cycling report.</p> <p>As per Cycle Path plans</p> <p>Apple Juice/ Cider</p> <p>See OSM report.</p> <p>Balance Sheet (to 4th September)</p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised. Actual funds available £988.36</p> <p>Food4 Free</p> <p>No report issued</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017</p> <p>SLIC workbook has been revised, BF send copy to MS for safekeeping/website</p> <p>Course planned through U3A , running at St John Ambulance, Thursday 5th October, 6 people booked on. M.Taylor still supporting BF</p>	<p>BF send copy of SLIC workbook to MS</p>
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	PA to look to generate a course at OSM through the CSG Newsletter.	PA try generate a course through newsletter group
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Next Agenda to include:-</p> <p>Domestic Heating for the Country</p> <p>Cider/Apple juice options report.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p> <p>Mon 6th November 2017 , The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	