

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date : 4.12.17 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), M.Smith, Dewi Jones, ,S.Foster, B.Fox ,S.Akers Smith, 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></p> <p>P.Hall, P.Minshull, G.Williams, M.Axford.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (6.11.17)</u></p> <p><i>Item 3. Old Saw Mill Newsletter.</i> DJ has contacted U3A asking if we can exchange newsletters, no reply received as yet. No interest shown.</p> <p><i>Item 5. Domestic Heating Efficiencies.</i> BF to try and find the answer on efficiency about the options highlighted. BF commented that heat pumps efficiency is remarkable around 3 to 5 times more heat out than energy put in.</p> <p>All other issues covered in the main agenda.</p>	<p>BF work on efficiency paper.</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as issued.</p>	
5.	<p><i>Domestic Heating / Option Efficiencies – BF</i></p> <p>Carry over to 8th Jan meeting.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p>	

	Nothing new to report. Still working on permissions for access and cabling. PA to issue a copy of the plan to the group.	PA issue copy of the plan to the group.
7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>Monday 13th November was the last day of the 6 week consultation process. 27 responses have been sent out to the groups/chairs for assessing. The steering group will then meet to discuss the results of the consultation and add anything significant before forwarding to Cheshire East to prepare for the Regulation 15 stage.</p> <p>The final stage to adoption will be a public referendum. This completed document will include a delivery plan of actions which will help some of our long term project planning.</p>	
8.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p>Apple Juice and Cider production has now finished. Good sales over last two weekends plus increased supply agreements achieved.</p> <p>OSM have entered the CAMRA Cider and Perry of the year competition 2018.</p> <p>Amend from 6th Nov minutes, OSM will pay CSG between 30p/40p per litre for AJ and Cider, this will be confirmed and start from Jan 2018.</p> <p>Connected Communities Centre application has gone into Cheshire East.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p><u>No official report</u></p> <p>There is still the issue of the wall reinstatement to be sorted out this is blocking some cultivation of various plots including school/community plot.</p>	

	The group still needs to sort out a bank account, then funds held by CSG can be transferred into it.	
10.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Suzie brought a copy of her Cycling Master Plan for Congleton (1st Draft) to the meeting. This has had some amendments since production but gave a overview of work that had already been carried out and the Partnership relationship currently being built. Please let Suzie have any feedback on this document.</p> <p>This was presented to Frank Jordan and Jenny Marsden (CEBC) last week, they are looking to incorporate it into their Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>Currently building up evidence by carrying out traffic/ cycling surveys.</p> <p>This approach fits in well with Rural Development Fund criteria and will hopefully lead to some funding support.</p> <p>Suzie also advised the group that she is organising a triathlon for next spring as last year, this time including children.</p>	<p>Let Suzie have feedback on document.</p>
11.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>MG. Major successes for Congleton In Bloom, with Gold and Best Small Town in the North West, which once again puts us into the Britain In Bloom National Competition. So plenty of new ideas and commitments for 2018 required.</p> <p>PA to look at developing a local compost project to support the environmental element within the project.</p> <p>PP met with Alsager In Bloom to show them our Community Orchard at Astbury Mere as they are starting one of their own. PP to discuss with them how they went about getting permissions for the site, with a view of doing the same for the site her and Matt have highlighted at Astbury Lane Ends Mossley.</p> <p>1 Nov: planting crocus for Rotary for purple4polio campaign with children at Saint Mary's Nursery</p>	<p>PA local compost project.</p> <p>PP discuss permissions with Alsager in Bloom.</p>

	<p>1, 2 Nov: clearing polytunnel</p> <p>3 Nov: Attending NW In Bloom finals</p> <p>4 Nov: plant up of children's tubs at polytunnel</p> <p>7 Nov: designed & ordered Back to back Bug Gardens plaques from Jaf Graphics</p> <p>8 Nov: planting 5000 crocus for Rotary for purple4polio campaign with children at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary, in border behind railings at McDonalds roundabout</p> <p>10 Nov: meeting with Anna re plant choices & colour schemes for 2018</p> <p>12 Nov: planting 250 crocus at Congleton Park</p> <p>25 Nov: Xmas lights photography</p> <p>Nov: harvesting/collecting and delivering to OSM, apples from Saint Mary's</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Natural Environment.</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</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), Marfields (1 Dec, 6th GF). 2018 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (22 Apr, 5th GF), Buglawton (6 July 3rd GF)</p> <p>2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF)</p> <p>Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver. Some new</p>	

eco coordinators appointed.

Marfields: Tesco bags of help grant awarded: school allotment planned: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marfields.
Saint Mary's weekly gardening sessions, eco environmental review, action plan etc.

Review of revised requirements from eco-schools for renewing schools.

RHS Green plan it challenge, PP now RHS Mentor to team at Holmes Chapel high school, visits to school to advise young gardeners on their challenge (6 Nov) & further advice on design & plant choices

Commenting Team.

No report this month.

Cycling report.

The Cong Cycling Campaign and Town Council, together the Tour of Britain Cycling Legacy Committee, are in the final stages of putting together the Cycling Masterplan for Congleton.

This will identify existing cycling provision, aspirational cycling schemes and 'quick fix' schemes for which we can apply for grant funding and match funding from Cheshire East. When the final document is created it will be distributed to the CSG.

Apple Juice/ Cider

See OSM report.

Balance Sheet (to 4th December)

Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised. Actual funds available £944.45

Food4 Free

No report issued

Carbon reduction group report for July 2017

SLIC courses

This month the course held at U3A was completed, led by myself and Mike Taylor, who continues to help despite having formally retired from CSG.

This was the fifth U3A Green Living Course. As usual at U3A it was a small but lively group. Mike and I are always surprised just how much fun these courses are.

PA looking to organise a SLIC course at OSM late Jan early Feb. 10 to 11.30 am x 8 sessions (Thurs)

Fracking

Not much happening in Cheshire thankfully. Nationally it is quiet also with the government saying nothing about fracking, for example in the recent budget. This is in contrast to the Osborne budgets and the Cameron governments. Can the government have lost its enthusiasm for fracking?

Geothermal

No action this month. (I had previously produced some material on this in anticipation of the presentation on geothermal to CSG by the representative of Cheshire East)

Decarbonisation of domestic heating

No action this month. (Arising from the geothermal presentation, I produced a paper on this which was discussed at CSG. A follow up on “efficiency” of heat pumps is still pending.)

Air quality

A briefing paper on this is still pending.

**PA organise
SLIC session at
OSM Jan/Feb**

13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>BF – Raised the issue of wastage caused by overeating, meat eating and clothing. A general debate around the subject took place.</p> <p>MMW – Book Launch. Tuesday 12th December ,OSM, 5pm to 7pm.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p> <p>Mon 4th December 2017 , The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	