

**Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.**

**Date :** 5.2.18      **Time:** 10.00am      **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

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

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Introduction.</u></b></p> <p>Peter Aston chaired the meeting</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies.</u></b></p> <p>P.Hall, G.Williams, M.Axford. P.Ranson.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (4.12.17)</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Item 6. Hydro Scheme.</i></b> Peter still to issue a copy of the plan. MS to circulate on receipt.</p> <p><b><i>Item 11. Local Compost Project.</i></b> PA still to work on this, carry over to a future meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Item 11.Astbury Lane Ends Project.</i></b> PP to visit Alsager in Bloom to discuss how they went about getting permissions for their community orchard.</p> <p>Item 13. OSM SLIC workshop. PA still to organise a SLIC workshop at OSM. M.Stevens arrival should improve things.</p>	<p><b>PA let MS have a copy of plan for circulation.</b></p> <p><b>PA local compost project.</b></p> <p><b>PP visit Alsager in Bloom.</b></p> <p><b>PA /SLIC session at OSM.</b></p>
4.	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></b></p> <p>The agenda was taken as issued.</p>	

	Issues for AOB added:- Bath House Open Day / Wild Life TRUST / Working with our MP / Plastic	
5.	<p><b><i>Domestic Heating / Option Efficiencies – BF</i></b></p> <p>Barry led a discussion on the efficiency of Electric Heating (as turbines improve) and the difference between Heat Pumps and Resistance Heaters.</p> <p>Apparently there is some grant funding around against renewable heat generated but not for capital costs.</p> <p>BF will create a paper to support this discussion/subject.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></b></p> <p>Environmental agency water extraction out for consultation.</p> <p>Planning application about to go in.</p> <p>Still a little behind preferred time line.</p> <p>Fundraising and civil engineer looks likely to be autumn this year with power generation late winter / early spring 2019.</p> <p>Copy of the plan issued with these minutes.</p>	<p><b>PA issue copy of the plan to the group.</b></p> <p><b>MS circulate plan.</b></p>
7.	<p><b><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></b></p> <p>Most groups have now completed their review of the consultation questions (Reg 14)</p> <p>Should be a steering group meeting this month to make the relevant changes and then send the document to Cheshire East for Reg 15.</p>	

<p>8.</p>	<p><b><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Royal Visit.</i></b></p> <p>A very successful and enjoyable event which has certainly lifted the profile of the Old saw Mill and generated some new visitors. Congratulations to all involved.</p> <p><b><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></b></p> <p>production has now finished. In stock 195 Bottles Cider and 1112 bottles of Apple Juice.</p> <p>Cider Vinegar close to being launched.</p> <p>Chutneys and preserves are now being produced at OSM.</p> <p>Dewi Jones circulated a report MS to send out with the minutes.</p> <p>Looks as though this will produce £406 for CSG project funds.</p> <p><b><i>Membership Renewal.</i></b></p> <p>This is now due, PA to work with MS (Michelle) on this</p> <p><b><i>New administrator / communications member.</i></b></p> <p>Michelle Stevens has now joined the team, her email address is <a href="mailto:mstevensosm@outlook.com">mstevensosm@outlook.com</a></p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><b><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>No official report</u></b></p>	

	Looking for a contractor to rebuild the wall, Marfields school have limited usage of their plot currently as the contractor would need to cross it to get to the wall.	
10.	<p><b><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></b></p> <p>No update issued.</p>	
11.	<p><b><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></b></p> <p><b>Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:</b></p> <p>30 Nov: showed Community orchard to Alsager in Bloom team, as they are planting one in the spring.</p> <p>2 Dec: selling juice at Rode Hall FM</p> <p>3 Dec: planted up box plants into tubs.</p> <p>4 Dec CSG meeting WDT meeting</p> <p>5 Dec: planted up lge containers at Mossley Corner; Buglawton in Bloom &amp; C.Part meeting</p> <p>12 Dec: Book launch at OSM</p> <p>13 Dec: presented certificates to Friendly Faces at Buglawton Comm Centre</p> <p>20 Dec In bloom meeting</p> <p>29 Dec: checked tubs and moved outside of polytunnel</p> <p><b>2018</b></p> <p>9 Jan: meeting at Bradwell Court with Anna M, discuss new garden project, then to West Rd for second project site visit</p>	

	<p>12 Jan: Buglawton in Bloom 2 meeting to discuss IYN &amp; 2018 plans</p> <p>14 &amp; 17 Jan: planting at polytunnel</p> <p>15 &amp; 22/23 Jan: royal visit briefing (in bloom group), final check of displays etc, visit</p> <p>16 &amp; 22 Jan: tidying Secret Garden &amp; front garden at OSM</p> <p>26 Jan: contact with HAAA re new orchard &amp; choice of trees</p> <p>30 Jan: researching for BIB finalist seminar</p> <p>Patti visited the National Finals Seminar in Birmingham last week and can now confirm we are in the national Finals for 2018.</p> <p>Looking to start a “Clean Team/Tidy Team” the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Some new projects in mind including:- West St Play area site entrance, Mountbatten Way (7 tubs and trees).</p> <p>7th April – The Mayor Charles Booth is running a Mad for Congleton Project (NLC)</p>	
12.	<p><b><u>Enhancing Congleton’s Natural Environment.</u></b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	
13.	<p><b><u>Group Reports.</u></b></p> <p><i>Eco Schools – P.Pinto</i></p> <p><b>Note: 14 GF schools in C.East 12 GF schools in CW&amp;C 9 schools with Green Flags in Congleton &amp; District Eco cluster.</b></p>	

Due to renew 2017-18: now late: 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3<sup>rd</sup> GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5<sup>th</sup> GF). 2018 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (22 Apr, 5<sup>th</sup> GF), Buglawton (6 July 3<sup>rd</sup> GF) Marlfields (1 Dec 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> GF. 2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> GF), Mossley (Jun, 5<sup>th</sup> GF). Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven have lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver. Some new eco coordinators appointed.

Marlfields: Tesco bags of help grant awarded: school allotment planned: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marlfields.

6 Dec Saint Mary's JRO assembly, eco board updated.

8 December: RHS Green plan it challenge, PP assessor at Challenge finals at Whitworth Gallery, Manchester.

Eco schools on display at Royal Visit

January: PP has assessed two schools, special school in SOT, primary in Cheshire, eco at Saint Mary's, gardening, JROs, etc

### ***Commenting Team.***

#### 1. Planning applications


PM continues to review the weekly list of planning applications from CEBC but since the Local Plan has been adopted there has been little to concern the CSG.


#### 2. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

The Transport Group of the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan met on 6<sup>th</sup> January to review the responses from the Regulation 14 consultation relating to transport issues. PM prepared minutes of the meeting setting out the group's response and forwarded these to David McGifford and Andrew Thomson.

### ***Cycling report.***

Cycling Campaign and Sustrans are going to produce a guide to the Biddulph Valley Way to encourage families to use Congleton and Stoke stations and the BWV to create day trips to all the attractions along the way. Funding sought.

	<p><b>Apple Juice/ Cider</b></p> <p>See OSM report.</p> <p><b>Balance Sheet ( to 5<sup>th</sup> Feb)</b></p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised. Actual funds available £906.58</p> <p><b>Food4 Free</b></p> <p>No report issued</p> <p><b>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017</b></p> <p><b>SLIC courses</b></p> <p>PA looking to organise a SLIC course at OSM late Jan early Feb. 10 to 11.30 am x 8 sessions (Thurs)</p>	<p><b>PA organise SLIC session at OSM.</b></p>
13.	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b></p> <p><b>Bath House Open Day.</b></p> <p>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>CSG/OSM to have a presence. PP and MG will be involved.</p> <p><b>P.Hirst</b> circulate the link below. Still to be read and digested,</p> <p></p> <p>homes_for_people_ and_wildlife_lr_-_sin</p> <p><b>Working with your MP (Hope for the Future)</b></p>	<p><b>PP/MG</b></p>

	<p> HFTF information for constituents.pdf</p> <p>MG to find out what they are about.</p> <p><b>Plastics.</b></p> <p>This item to be carried over to next meeting.</p> <p><b>5 Towns Walking Map.</b></p> <p>MS advised the group that the 5 Towns Partnership were working on creating a Walking Map, similar to the cycle map linking the 5 ex CBC towns.</p>	<b>MG to investigate</b>
	<p><b><u>Next Meeting:-</u></b></p> <p>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 , The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	