

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date :26.3.18 **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, G.Williams, M.Axford,

P. Ranson

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>No apologies received.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (5.2.18)</u></p> <p><i>Item 3. Local Compost Project.</i> PA still to work on this, carry over to a future meeting.</p> <p><i>Item 3.Astbury Lane Ends Project.</i> PP to visit Alsager in Bloom to discuss how they went about getting permissions for their community orchard. PP has made contact, still needs discuss permissions with them.</p> <p><i>Item 3. OSM SLIC workshop.</i> PA still to organise a SLIC workshop at OSM. M.Stevens arrival should improve things.BF contact M.Stevens direct and arrange through her.</p>	<p>PA local compost project.</p> <p>PP discuss with Alsager in Bloom.</p> <p>BF discuss with M.Stevens</p>
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>The agenda was taken as issued</p> <p>2 items added :- River Valley Project & Working with your MP.</p>	

5.	<p><i>Domestic Heating / Option Efficiencies – BF</i></p> <p>Barry's paper was circulated to the group following the last meeting. Nothing new to add.</p> <p>The major issue would be for new builds to incorporate new heating technology, but this will take a change in building regs / legislation to get developers on board.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Planning application in 18/0773M</p> <p>Lots of questions being asked by planners that will all need addressing.</p> <p>Access to the site to get equipment down to the build is currently the biggest problem.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>Meeting held 2 weeks ago to discuss responses, changes to be actioned 27.3.18.</p> <p>These will be returned to the steering group for final checks before forwarding to Cheshire East for regulation 15.</p>	
8.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p><i>Café`</i></p> <p>Still expanding, \Purple Laura has now joined the group. The grant form CEBC has been received and has help improve prep room and product display.</p>	

	<p><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></p> <p>Plan to attend a number of Farmers Markets and Festivals through the summer. Selling the products both on and off site. A good number of outlets selling Apple juice, Cider is proving more problematic needs more buyers.</p> <p>Cider Vinegar (400 ltrs) is about ready to bottle.</p> <p><i>Future Site Development</i></p> <p>No progress at present, it is proving quite a complicated project to take on.</p> <p><i>Administration.</i></p> <p>Michelle is now fully on board and communications improving greatly. DJ/ MSt working on Website development which will have a direct link from The Partnership website once up and running.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p><u>No official report</u></p> <p>As planting season is now active Marfields School will have start developing their plot, it had been held off as access across it was needed to accommodate the wall refurbishment. Access will now have to be over another plot, still no date on this work.</p> <p>Marfields got a Tesco grant to support this project and must get started on it.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>No update issued.</p>	

11.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>Congleton In Bloom/ Congleton Partnership/ CSG:</p> <p>1 Feb: BIB finalist seminar in Birmingham</p> <p>5 Feb: CSG meeting at OSM</p> <p>5 Feb: meeting with Wendy c at Tesco, to discuss new community orchard & gardens</p> <p>6 Feb: Buglawton in Bloom 3 meeting to discuss IYN & 2018 plans</p> <p>12 Feb: walk through town centre for Cong in Bloom</p> <p>12 Feb: Back to back gardens 2018, info pack & invitation to take part sent out</p> <p>13 & 14 Feb: application to RHS Communities for grant for front garden at Bradwell Court</p> <p>15 Feb Cong In bloom meeting</p> <p>15 Feb: discussion with Saint Mary's Nursery re garden project</p> <p>18 Feb: meeting with Andy M at Daneside Theatre re garden project</p> <p>19 Feb: visit to DJM Nursery & HAAA to buy 8 new fruit trees for new orchard (HAAA 10th anniversary in 2018)</p> <p>21 Feb: Planted 7 fruit trees with Wendy at new Tesco community orchard</p> <p>21 Feb: meeting with Buglawton in Blm at DJM to research new plants required for rockeries</p> <p>22 Feb: attended NW IB seminar at Myerscough College with Margaret G</p> <p>28 Feb: grant application for Buglawton in Bloom</p>	
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1 Mar: Buglawton in Bloom meeting

5 Mar: contacted IYNs to remind them to send entry forms to NWIB

6 Mar: Cong Partnership meeting

7 Mar: WDT meeting

8 Mar: pruning roses , West St; Comm orchard, Astbury Mere pruned;

13 Mar: F of Cong Park meeting

14 Mar: planted cowslips at Tesco community orchard

19 Mar: meeting re garden at OSM

20 Mar: Alsager community orchard visited

21 Mar: C In Bloom meeting

22 Mar: C canal adoption group visited; meeting at Beech House to discuss their new gardening project

26 Mar: CSG meeting

Publicity:

Photography & Press articles on eco-schools/In Bloom/CSG activities sent to & published by the Congleton Chronicle. 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>Most neighbourhoods have now put in their application. OSM to be entered, MS to check land search results for River St car park, Patti trying to pull a team together to improve this area.</p>	<p>MS find Land Search info</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton's Natural Environment</u></p> <p>DJ circulated a paper on the "River Valleys" project which has arisen from the Neighbourhood Plan policies S3 & S4.</p> <p>MS circulate to the group. No map included with this document.</p> <p>The project is in early stages and needs more work before taking to Congleton Town Council for their support.</p> <p>DJ to research how other towns are working on delivery of their NH action plans.</p>	<p>MS circulate to the group.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<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><u>Due to renew 2017-18:</u> now late: 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3rd GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF). 2018 Saint Mary's & Smallwood (22 Apr, 5th GF), Buglawton (6 July 3rd GF) Marlfields (1 Dec 2018, 6th 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. Some new eco coordinators appointed. Enewal form now easier to complete.</p> <p>Eco at Saint Mary's: Birdwatching with 4 classes; Fairtrade fortnight, bikeability; reuse of books on World Book Day, Lessons: Grow your own potatoes (yr 1 & yr2), What's under your feet? Yr 4; eco team meetings</p> <p>20 Mar: Marlfields: Tesco bags of help grant awarded: school allotment planned: in contact with Vale Allotments & Marlfields.</p> <p>28 Mar: Meeting with Smallwood Academy re GF renewal.</p>	

	<p>8 & 15 Mar: GF assessments at primary schools, Middlewich & Biddulph Moor.</p> <p>Commenting Team.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Cycling report.</p> <p>No report received.</p> <p>Apple Juice/ Cider</p> <p>See OSM report.</p> <p>Balance Sheet (sent 28th Feb)</p> <p>Circulated prior to the meeting, no issues raised. Actual funds available £1069.25</p> <p>Food4 Free</p> <p>No report issued</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017</p> <p>SLIC courses</p> <p>PA looking to organise a SLIC course at OSM , BF to contact M.Stevens for dates.</p>	<p>BF contact M.Stevens</p>
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Plastic.</p> <p>Much more complicated subject than at first sight.</p>	<p>PP/MG</p>

<p>BF circulated a paper with some internet references. MS to circulate Ruth McNulty's " Plastic 20 top tips for consumer action" Add to next meeting agenda.</p> <p><i>“Working with your MP”.</i> After discussion it was felt that we had a good enough relationship with F.Bruce and that meeting her regularly on specific issues may be the way to go. We aim to do this twice a year, PA ,BF & MG to put a presentation together to take to Fiona when she is in Congleton.</p> <p><i>Fracking – BF.</i> Barry commented on issues around fracking. There have been a number of items / articles out over the last few weeks on the subject. It would appear that INEOS is now the major player around here. North Yorkshire permit has now been granted but actual work on the project has been delayed.</p> <p>Move to use a variant to fracking in the south to inject acid instead of water.</p> <p>Fracking for OLI not GAS.</p> <p><i>Footpath on Riverdane Rd.</i> CSG to look at the footpath from Buglawton Footbidge to Riverdane carpark.</p> <p><i>Volunteers.</i> DJ to draw up a calendar of events so as to advertise them and try and attract some volubteers to support them. This will be put on the OSM website.</p>	<p>MS circulate Ruth’s list.</p> <p>PA/BF & Mg work on a presentation.</p> <p>DJ draw up calendar of events</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting:-</u></p> <p>Mon 14th May 2018 , The Old Saw Mill ,10.00am</p>	

