

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date :2.7.18 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:- Old Saw Mill.**

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

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>G.Williams, M.Axford, P.Pinto, P.Ranson, P.Hall.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (4.6.18)</u></p> <p>Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting, matters arising issues covered on the mail agenda.</p> <p>Matters Arising.</p> <p><i>Item 3. Plastic.</i> 20 things list, MS circulated to the group, very little in terms of replies. GW still to pull out positive data from CEBC re home collections / recyclables. Carry over.</p> <p><i>Item 3. Congleton Green Space Trust Allotments.</i> P.Ranson still to contact J.Cockell re pesticide usage at the allotments. Carry Over</p> <p><i>Item 3. Enhancing Congleton's Greenspace.</i> PP to organise a local consultation at Mossley site, then GW to support in getting permissions once consultation complete. Carry Over.</p> <p><i>Item 6.</i> Air Quality. BF to write to CEBC for more information, data, plans for Congleton. Then follow up with MP during summer break.</p>	<p>GW to supply CEBC data.</p> <p>P.Ranson contact J.Cockell.</p> <p>PP carry out local consultation</p> <p>BF write to CEBC for more data.</p>

	Item 13. Working with the MP. BF/PA still to action.	BF/PA to action.
4.	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda.</u></p> <p>Two items added. (1) BF News update (2) Street Names for Padgbury development.</p>	
5.	<p><i>Plastic.</i></p> <p>Barry's paper was circulated to the group.</p> <p>Barry felt that the main way plastics could be getting into the ocean from UK is by using the wrong recycling bin.</p> <p>Garden plant pots (black) appear to be a real issue.</p> <p>ANSA visit is being planned by D.McGifford PA, BF and MG will go on this. BF to put some questions to ANSA prior to the visit.</p> <p>A paper to be written after the visit with a full report back to CSG.</p> <p>Bob Edwards offered CTC support to the CSG campaign.</p>	Paper to be written after the ANSA visit.
6.	<p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <p>As recored earlier. BF to write to CEBC (Martin Brown)for more data/information regarding Congleton, its issues and plans.</p> <p>Once received we will follow it up with a discussion with F.Bruce MP.</p>	BF to request more data etc from CEBC
7.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Planning application in 18/0773M</p>	

	Nothing new to report, a newsletter is about to be issued.	
8.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u></p> <p>Still some work to be done before the plan can progress to Cheshire East and onto Regulation 15. The updated plan has been re-circulated to the steering groups who will feed back their comments to David McGifford.</p>	
9.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></p> <p>AJ stocks are very low, will continue selling through summer.</p> <p>DJ drawing up a plan for a production schedule from early September.</p> <p><i>Café</i></p> <p>Now meeting its weekly targets.</p> <p><i>General</i></p> <p>GDPR action now completed.</p> <p>Michelle is coordinating a membership/renewal drive</p> <p>Newsletter will be out this week.</p> <p>GRIPP is about 60% complete for being recognised as a Connected Communities Centre.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>	P.Ranson contact

	P.Ranson to raise with John Cockell the issue of ethical/ organic good practice policy. Particularly the use of pesticides.	J.Cockell
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Biddulph Valley Way –Congleton to Stoke. This is a joint project with Sustrans and Local Authorities a leaflet is being produced and should be ready for Food & Drink Festival. The map is now available from TIC</p> <p>LTP report/ consultation includes comments on both cycleways and footpaths.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>In Bloom</p> <p>NWIB judging day 24th July, OSM included in IYN.</p> <p>BIB national judging 2nd August.</p> <p>OSM as IYN this year making 9 IYN in Congleton.</p> <p>We will need to make further efforts around town on route before 24 July (nwib) and 2 Aug (BIB judges).</p> <p>Too hot! And too dry!!</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton’s Greenspace.</u></p> <p><i>Nothing new. For the record:-</i></p> <p>Potential site at Mossley water tower.</p> <p>PP to organise a consultation with local residents as to their views of an orchard being developed there.</p> <p>Once this has been carried out, if required GW will assist with obtaining permissions.</p>	<p>PP local consultation.</p> <p>GW to help with permissions.</p>
13.	<u>Group Reports.</u>	

Eco Schools – P.Pinto

Saint Mary's were awarded their 5th Green flag last Thursday.

Smallwood Are about to send in their renewal (for their 5th gf).

I am in contact now with Buglawton & trying to persuade them to renew.

Commenting Team.

1. Cheshire East Council – LTP

PM has produced and submitted a response on behalf of CSG to the consultation on Cheshire East Council's latest Local Transport Plan (LTP) – the closing date was 25th June. The LTP is a high-level document which sets out principles and policies; these are fine as far as they go but there are no details of what where and how these will be implemented either in Congleton or Borough wide. The response has asked for a meeting to discuss the many points we raise – we will have to see if a meeting materialises.

Glen had been tasked in his absence to find out the Cheshire East officers responsible for Highways, Cycleway and Footpath, so that we can communicate with the correct people directly.

2. 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.

PM to respond on behalf of CSG on the Riverside/Meadowside plans **18/2803C & 18/2804C** re loss of business premises and loss of town centre trade, in contradiction of parts of the local plan

3. Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Transport Group

GW to find out correct officer by function

	<p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Cycling report. No new report</p> <p>Apple Juice/ Cider See OSM report.</p> <p>Balance Sheet No report received this month</p> <p>Food4 Free No report issued</p> <p>Carbon reduction group report for July 2017 PA looking to organise a SLIC course at OSM , BF to contact M.Stevens for dates. New SLIC book being printed ready for the courses in the autumn. Now planning both OSM and U3A.</p>	
13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u> “Working with your MP”. PA has contacted Steph re date to discuss items with Fiona. Not heard back will chase up. Looks like it could be two issues, Fracking and Ait Quality.</p> <p>Local Compost Project. Still waiting information from Patti.</p> <p>BF News Fracking / Gas Leaks. It appears that gas leaks are larger than first thought.</p>	BF/PA to action

	<p>Barry will send out link for this report. Link is http://science.sciencemag.org/content/early/2018/06/20/science.aar7204.full</p> <p><i>Street Names Padgbury Lane.</i></p> <p>The group liked the idea of Flora and Fauna being used for the new development in Padgbury Lane. Poppy , Forget me not and Begonia were suggested at the meeting. This will now be discussed with CTC who will forward ideas onto Cheshire East.</p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting:- Note there is no CSG Meeting in August.</u></p> <p>Mon 3rd September (Astbury Mere) PA confirm with Matt Axford.</p>	