

Meeting : Congleton Sustainability Group.

Date :1.10.18 **Time:** 10.00am **Location:-** The Old Saw Mill.

In attendance: P.Aston (Chair), M.Smith, Dewi Jones, B.Fox, P.Pinto

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	<u>Welcome and Introduction.</u> Peter Aston chaired the meeting.	
2.	<u>Apologies.</u> G.Williams, P.Minshull, M.Gartside, P.Ranson, S.Foster.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting, matters arising (3.9.18)</u> Minutes accepted as a true record of last meeting, matters arising issues covered on the main agenda. <i>Matters Arising.</i> <i>Item 3. Plastic.</i> MS to check with D.McGifford the situation re visiting the Ansa recycling plant. (D Mc has written to Ansa Thursday October 25th).	
4.	<u>Approval of the Agenda.</u> Agenda taken as written.	
5.	<u>Plastic.</u> Barry's paper was circulated to the group just before last month's meeting. This is a massive worldwide issue and will need major government support globally to really tackle the problem. BF reported that 50% of the plastic in the ocean comes from the fishing industry. (<i>The evening of the meeting the BBC broadcast a programme</i>	

	<p><i>“Drowning in Plastic”, well worth a viewing, it can be found on i player).</i></p> <p>PP advised that some of our primary schools are looking at/ working on an Ocean Project.</p> <p>Visit to ANSA recycling plant planned for Thursday 25th Oct, BF to send a list of questions for PA to ask on the day.</p> <p>A paper will be put together after the ANSA visit.</p>	<p>BF send list of questions to PA.</p>
6.	<p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <p>PA has contacted Nigel Standley re hand held Air Quality monitors, still awaiting a reply.</p> <p>MS has recirculated M.Brown’s Air Quality presentation for information.</p> <p>Following the “greening” of Mountbatten Way, In Bloom are looking at other areas around the town (eg Clayton Bypass)</p> <p>The issue of parking outside of Wetherspoons (Swan Bank) since the new block surface has been laid was raised. CEBC are looking at reinstating a form of yellow line control to put a stop to this.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Dane Valley Community Energy.</u></p> <p>Planning application in 18/0773M</p> <p>Eco surveys now completed, all information to be back with CEBC by November.</p> <p>Need to get things in place before feed in the tariffs disappear on 31st March 2019.</p>	
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 was agreed by the steering group with one or two issues to be solved around Health and Wellbeing. This needs to be in by mid Oct, before the local elections get in the way of the process.</p>	

	<p>Staged still to complete:-</p> <p>Referendum</p> <p>Formal adoption</p>	
9.	<p><u>The Old Saw Mill .</u></p> <p><i>Apple Juice and Cider</i></p> <p>AJ production is now in full swing a little earlier than normal (23rd August) 1696 bottled so far.</p> <p>Dewi to put together a leaflet to explain usage of Cider Vinegar. Currently have 400 bottles (RPS £5)</p> <p>OSM Cider to enter the CAMRA North of England Cider and Perry Competition at the Manchester Beer & Cider festival 25th January 2019 (<i>This is not now happening</i>)</p> <p>DJ attended a cider making course in Bakewell, picked up some good tips and practices.</p> <p><i>General</i></p> <p>New director Alison Hughes has joined the team, there are now 4 directors in total.</p> <p>Café targets and room hire targets being met, around 15 volunteer helpers.</p> <p><i>Connected Communities Centre.</i></p> <p>GRIPP is now competed for being recognised as a Connected Communities Centre.</p> <p>Grand opening planned for Thursday 11th October, 2.30 to 5.00pm. All welcome.</p>	

10.	<p><u>Congleton Green Space Trust.</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>P.Ranson to raise with John Cockell the issue of ethical/ organic good practice policy. Particularly the use of pesticides.</p>	<p>P.Ranson contact J.Cockell</p>
11.	<p><u>Cycle Path Plans.</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report. SAS is working closely with C.Visco CEBC on some quick wins. Will report as they progress.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Green space / In Bloom – P.Pinto.</u></p> <p>In Bloom.</p> <p>Britain In Bloom - Belfast – 19th Oct</p> <p>North West In Bloom – Southport – 2nd Nov</p> <p>6 Sep: meeting with Newcastle under Lyne In Bloom group (with Bob Edwards)</p> <p>7 & 9 Sep: prep for & running Heritage trail in Congleton Park</p> <p>11 Sep Congleton Partnership AGM & quarterly meeting</p> <p>12 Sep: Buglawton in Bloom group meeting</p> <p>15 Sep: research at Birkenhead Park</p> <p>17 Sep In Bloom calendar meeting</p> <p>27 Sep: In Bloom meetings</p> <p>Working on Saint Mary’s primary gardening, plus weekends at polytunnel for back to back gardens.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Enhancing Congleton’s Greenspace.</u></p> <p>PP reported that Mossley guides are interested in the project, it would need to be a CSG project as In Bloom feel it is too far out to fit in their current programme.</p>	

	This would still need CEBC permissions.	
13.	<p><u>Group Reports.</u></p> <p><i>Eco Schools – P.Pinto</i></p> <p>7 schools with Green Flags in Congleton & District Eco cluster.</p> <p>2018 5th GF: Smallwood (awaiting assessment on 2 Oct,), Marlfields (preparing to renew, due by 1 Dec 2018, 6th GF.</p> <p><i>Buglawton (renewal due 6 July 2018 3rd GF, may not renew)</i> <i>2019 The Quinta (27 Jan, 4th GF), Scholar Green (8 Feb, 4th GF), Mossley (Jun, 5th GF).</i> <i>Now defaulted to silver: due in 2017 Marton 1 Oct (3rd GF), Black Firs (16 Nov, 5th GF). Havannah, Astbury, Bosley, Daven</i> <i>have also lapsed to silver, but working on GF topics, W. Well, EBA, CHS on silver.</i></p> <p>Some new eco coordinators appointed, including at Saint Mary's. GF Renewal form now easier to complete, new website & lots of new resources from 1 Oct (KBT eco-schools) Advising Smallwood on GF renewal, mock assessment on 26 Sep.</p> <p><i>Commenting Team.</i></p> <p>1.Planning application for Portree Service Station Padgbury Lane</p> <p>As agreed at the September meeting PM has produced and submitted a response on behalf of CSG in support of the planning application for the Portree Service Station on Padgbury Lane (18/3758C). Our support was based on the reasons raised at the meeting with the addition of comments that access to the service station by sustainable travel modes needs to be maximised. The Town Council has also supported the application with the caveat that the CEBC tree preservation officer reviews the impact on TPOs.</p> <p>The target date for a decision is now 1st November.</p>	

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

Nothing to report.

Cycling report.

No new report

Apple Juice/ Cider

See OSM report.

Balance Sheet

Circulated w/c 3.9.18. PP and LA are working on tidying up this report.

Food 4 Free

No report issued

Carbon reduction group report for July 2017

2 SLIC courses planned:-

(a) OSM – second session 4.9.18

(b) U3A starting October.

Now are both up and running.

13.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>Working with our MP. PA/Bf to plan to meet Fiona sometime in November, possible subjects around the ending of the Green Deal and the FITS schemes.</p> <p>Local Compost Project. PP reported that the bin was half full and could do with extra pallets to create a second bin. The waste from the B2B Gardens will fill up the existing bin.</p> <p>Badger Cull. BF reported that it was going on in Cheshire and has been extended.</p> <p>Crewe Chronicle Report. PP to put this on the CSG facebook page.</p>	PP put on CSG page.
	<p>Next Meeting:- Mon 5th November, Astbury Mere Visitor Ctr, 10am.</p>	