

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 1 December 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair), Cllr Suzy Firkin, Ruth Burgess, Cllr Amanda Martin, , Barry Speed, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies,.Cllr Kay Wesley, Heather Seddon, Cllr Duncan Aimes		
2	Notes of meeting of 26 October 2022	Accepted as a true record Note need more notice of meeting dates and times		
3	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	On Hold – Green Assembly - not a clear way forward and is still on hold Green Fayre 2023 – will be the 30 th September, not further action yet Wildlife Pools in Redrow Development – Amanda actioning	Amanda	
4	Update on Site Specific Biodiversity Plan –Cllr Suzy Firkin report back Adam from CWT thought the 30 plans were excellent, all now available at www.congleton-tc.gov.uk/biodiversity Seven priority sites have been identified – discussions around how to engage more people, how to be able to measure improvements in biodiversity on these sites	Meeting with Ruth B, Patti, Suzy F, Margaret G to discuss the detail behind the 7 sites. Mark Stubbs to look at wildlife and birds in the 7 areas pre actions to increase Biodiversity. More publicity on the seven areas – to be discussed by the Green Marketing Team. Look to involve the hedgehog team to see if they could input on potential improvements if these areas are/could be habitats or foraging grounds for hedgehogs.	Group mtg Ruth B Green Mktg Jackie	
5	Update on Town Hall Carbon Reduction Plan Cllr Suzy Firkin updated the group on actions by the Town Hall Assets Committee. It's slow progress but the report from Thompson consulting has been accepted. Some potential easier projects around ventilation improvement. Early discussion with a local advisor with lots of technical expertise who may be able to assist with the development of the projects	Work being developed on the Town Hall Maintenance Programme including works on the decarbonisation programme for the Town Hall. This working group will be kept undated on progress. The Town Hall and Assets Committee is the lead committee for this work	Jackie/Suzy F to keep group informed	
6	Update on CTC Carbon Reduction Plan			

	<p>Discussed the spreadsheets for the three years since the base line report for 2018/19.</p> <p>Still some areas to look at discussions around Separating out purchases – should amortisation be in a different programme (noted some councillors spread the carbon footprint across the life expectancy of the purchase rather than in one hit.</p> <p>Not clear why electric fell so greatly in 2021</p> <p>Vehicles currently on a 3 month rolling lease until electric becomes available</p> <p>Need to make it easy for the public to see what we've been doing, what the progress is, what the difficulties are with easy to understand graphs</p>	<p>Discussion between Barry and Serena to address this – just need to be consistent.</p> <p>RFO re checking the electric figures</p> <p>Carbon footprint of leasing difficult. Short term leases more expensive.</p>		
8	<p>Green Marketing and messaging</p> <p>CTC has continued to push out green messages in line with the Green Calendar.</p> <p>Planning a wider Green Marketing Meeting for January to include lots of the active green groups to work together on a Green Marketing Plan for 2023. To include action days as well as print and social media</p>	<p>Organise a meeting for early in January when Heather, Patti, Kay, Jackie Kay and others can make it.</p>	Jackie	
9	<p>Report back on Meeting with Eaton Bank and CHS</p> <p>Margaret said both meetings were positive and interesting</p> <p>Eco groups at both schools and keen to get involved – unfortunately the teacher leading it at CHS is stepping down.</p>	<p>Engage more with the schools and share the Green Calendar</p>		
10	<p>Meeting for 2023 - January Meeting to be an extended marketing meeting. Next meeting w/c 13 February.</p>	<p>Jackie to send out dates for meetings February, March and April then re-establish after the elections.</p>	Jackie	asap
11	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Barry S asked about off-setting. Previously spoke to CWRT about off setting but CTC too small to be involved in a corporate off setting plan. Mustn't lose site of this as CTC will need some off setting to meet its carbon neutral pledge.</p>	<p>Research into Moorlands Restoration Trust 'Moors for the Future'</p>	?	
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting -</p>	<p>w/c 13th February</p>		