

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 26 October 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Ruth Benson, Heather Seddon, Barry Speed, Peter Aston, David McGifford, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies, Cllr Suzy Firkin, Ruth Burgess.		
2	Notes of meeting of 4 August 2022	Accepted as a true record Note not to lose sight of Carbon off-setting and Action Plan – to add as first agenda items for next meeting	Jackie	Nov
3	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	On Hold – Green Assembly - not a clear way forward and is still on hold - potentially could be used for the Biodiversity Consultation		
4	<p>Update on Site Specific Biodiversity Plan – Ruth Benson, author of the Biodiversity plan attended the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion was around the next steps and building on the detail in the plan, gaining local support and going out to consultation on the sites and developing energy and enthusiasm for the projects.</p> <p>Changes more to do with maintenance than big expenditure - adding new hedges, mowing regime.</p> <p>Important to focus on turning the plan into a delivery plan following consultation and to work out how to measure the change in biodiversity.</p>	<p>Send a copy to CWT, CEC Ecology officers, Sustainability Group, Climate Action Group, Streetscape, Groups interested in wildlife, birds, and ecology.</p> <p>Ask Ruth if Streetscape Mark could help identify biodiversity of wildlife</p> <p>Ask if Patti could link with the schools eco groups/ general comments on plans</p> <p>Add the plan to the website – Green pages – with option to leave comments</p> <p>Media around the Biodiversity</p> <p>Check ownership and who maintains each of the areas – important they understand the plans and maintain them in accordance with the plan</p> <p>First stage on getting the plan more widely read and commented on.</p>	<p>Jackie</p> <p>Jackie Cllr MG Cllr MG Green Mktg</p> <p>Ruth Burgess</p>	Oct/Nov
5	<p>Update on Town Hall Carbon Reduction Plan</p> <p>Many of the group members attended the meeting in August with the Consultants. Paper went to The Town Hall and Assets Committee on the 20 October 2022</p>	Find out the outcome of the Town Hall and Assets meeting conversation into the Carbon plan and circulate and add to the next Agenda. Understand that works will be part of a 5 year maintenance plan.	Jackie	Oct

	looking at the next steps on decarbonisation. Cllr AM asked about changing windows in TH	Secondary Glazing was a priority on the list of works	Jackie	
6	Update on CTC Carbon Reduction Plan Barry Speed, Serena, Jackie M and Cllr Suzy F met in October to look at the spreadsheets and check methodology. We now believe we have a consistent way of measuring and four years worth of figures. This was circulated to the WG. Seems sensible to reconsider the amortisation of purchases over their expected lifespan.	Look at the amortisation of purchases - speak to Serena/Barry Ask the consultants who developed the Town Hall Carbon Reduction Plan to cast a critical eye over the spreadsheets. (Group had every faith in Barry's methodology which has been applied consistently) When figures confirmed use data to create graphs for website	Barry/Jackie Jackie/David Cllr KW	
7	Update on Air Quality CEC Air Quality team due to speak with Jackie on the afternoon of 27/10 re data from Congleton. Barry has purchase equipment and carrying out continuous monitoring in Bromley Farm. Question raised about Traffic monitoring post Link Road	Feedback anything significant from the conversation with CEC Concern about woodsmoke – Jackie to mention it to CEC Find out when the results are out of the traffic monitoring and AQMAs post Link Road and circulate	Jackie Jackie Jackie	
8	Green Marketing and messaging Kay updated the group on the work of the marketing group. In October worked on ways to save energy at home and recycling week. Now building up contents on a green/ sustainable Christmas and concentrating on getting the green webpage complete. Noted that COP 27 is from the 6-18 November 2022 and needs adding to the plan.	Work to continue Add COP 27 to the marketing calendar.	Green marketing team	
9	Update on the Green Fayre - discussion around when to hold in 2023. The National Big Green Week is moving from September to the 11-18 June 2022. This could match neatly with the Food and Drink Festival, but a merger of the two events is problematic and the Food and Drink Festival already host a Green Fringe Festival as part of the day which attracts half of the stalls usually at the Green Fayre. Group agreed little point in replicating the following week and should continue to host the Green Fayre at the end of September with the Makers Market	Book the Town Hall for the 30th September Alert this years stalls to the date for next year Work with partners to build the Green Fayre for 2023	Jackie Cathy All	

10	Fast Fashion - Heather Seddon had put together a presentation and ran out of time at the last meeting. Since the meeting all had independently looked through the very good presentation.	Add the PowerPoint and tick list to the green pages on the website Look to work with the town's charity shops and promote the work they are doing around reuse of clothes and products		
11	AOB: Cllr AM voiced concerns about the wildlife pools in the Redrow development which don't appear to be getting any water.	Cllr AM to take some photos – then officers to contact CEC/ Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the company to establish facts and plans to improve	Cllr AM and Jackie	November
12	Date of Next Meeting -	Thursday 1 December 2022 - 10.30am		