

## Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

### NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 16 February 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair), Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Barry Speed, Heather Seddon, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies, Heather Seddon, Cllr Duncan Aimes		
2.	<b>Agenda Approval</b>	added to AOB – Business Plan – FTE post Green Budget for events and marketing		
3.	<b>Notes of Meeting of 1 December 2022</b>	Accepted as a true record		
4.	<b>Outstanding and Complete actions not on Agenda</b>	<b>On Hold – Green Assembly</b> - not a clear way forward and is still on hold <b>Green Fayre 2023</b> – will be the 30 <sup>th</sup> September, not further action yet <b>Wildlife Pools in Redrow Development</b> – email from CWT to confirm working with site conservation, ponds deeper and scrub cleared.	Closed	
5.	<p><b>Congleton Town Council Carbon Footprint progress</b> Shared an excel spreadsheet from the RFO with details on 2018-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22 and the first 10 months of 22-23. Carbon reducing in some areas, but overall still staying at around 220 carbon tonnes. Some questions being asked and double checking certain areas. Thanks offered to Serena for all her work on the figures.</p> <p><b>Town Hall</b> - Cllr Suzy Firkin updated on the project plan for reducing the carbon footprint of operating in the Town Hall. Some quick wins already in place around heating.</p>	<p>Need to update methodology document to reflect Serena’s Work – if using trackers in vehicles need to understand how they are monitoring. Action send information to the group. Need to find a better way to present the information using graphs to make it visual and easy to track the changes. Suggestion to focus on scope 1 and 2 initially then move to scope 3. Tell the story with each item – eg/ used carbon to purchase the big TV, but this is to enable remote meetings and estimate amount of carbon that will be saved per year. Same with purchase of green materials for Streetscape. Send methodology list to Paul helping with Town Hall carbon plan for sense checking. Create a subset for purchases. Arrange a meeting – Serena, Suzy, Barry, Serena, Jackie to go through the footprint progress.</p>	<p>JMac/ SvS</p> <p>JMac/KW</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>SF- THAS committee</p>	<p>Next mtg</p> <p>Next mtg</p>

	<b>Streetscape</b> - continuing to make progress. New electric vehicle for the park in the Spring, more electric rather than diesel tool. Reducing peat-free compost by taking delivery of 30 tonnes of Biowaste from CEC green bins.	Next step looking at zonal heating system to bring down the gas use. This should happen within the year. Then onto bigger projects that may need grants  Next Step – create a practical action plan showing how the Streetscape service will reduce their carbon emissions	J MacA, Ruth	
6.	<b>Update on Site Specific Biodiversity Plan –Cllr Suzy Firkin</b>  Seven priority sites have been identified – scheme being launched on the 6 <sup>th</sup> April at 11am at Stirling Close.	Mark progressing with the wildlife surveys Team members to help where possible on the 6 <sup>th</sup> April Make sure web pages are up to date	Group  Jackie	
7.	<b>Air Quality – Update</b>  Barry currently has monitors on front and back of his house - wood burning for heating is having a negative effect on air quality and the levels can be alarming. Discussion around the positive use of extractor fans in homes for personal air quality.	Chase up with the Air Quality Team at CEC re traffic survey post Link Road – believe it should have happened by now. Looking for changes in NO <sub>2</sub> levels. Chase up the emailed correspondence sent last year to CEC re air quality surveys in Congleton and how we can work CEC to progress this work. May be possible to work with CSG on walking to school and testing air quality at schools. Find out when the next AQM zones checks are due	Jackie  Jackie  Heather  Jackie	Next Mtg  Next mtg
8.	<b>Off-setting Strategy</b> Difficult and rapidly expanding and developing area. One that CTC is aware of. No obvious easy answers at the moment and this will need to be a Council decision. Figure between £5k and £11k per year. Also look at in-setting.	Moors for the Future - possible partner for the future Woodland Trust – advanced with schemes for over 300 tonnes.  A subject that needs to be included in the Town Council 2023- 2027 business plan.		
8	<b>Green Marketing and messaging</b> Reported back on a wider green marketing meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> January with a number of groups that led to the development of the Green Calendar for 2023.	Potential to add more events to the calendar – and also add what events and activities are happening with various campaigns Add a key to the calendar to understand the groups associated Working document has contact details for event leaders (not public)	All  Jackie	Next Mtg
9	<b>Updates from Green Partners</b> Meeting with the high schools planned for after half term. Rotary now has a green group – link with wider group			
11	<b>AOB:</b> Business Plan – 1 Full time green post – what happened? Is there a CTC green marketing/ events budget for 23/24	Plan evolved – recruiting green expertise resource to share with other local town councils Yes – there is £5,000 in a separate code for Green initiatives in community development.	David	Ongoing
12	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	w/c 23 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 5.30pm via zoom		

