

# Minutes – CONGLETON GREEN

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Via Zoom

Attendees: Chair Heather P, Heather S, Suzy F, Kay W, Barry S, Ruth Burgess, invited guest Ruth Benson

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence.

- Cllr Glen Williams
- Margaret Gartside
- Amanda Martin

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (enclosed)

Approved minutes of the previous Green Working Group as a correct record.

## 3. Actions from previous meeting

Action – BS offered a presentation on Air Quality to a targeted audience, as one of the year-round events

Action – Everyone to look at the main 3 pages on Green Living on Town Council website feedback any information not requires. Out of date or links not working etc DC to Lead with support from KW

Action – create updated Streetscape action plan on carbon footprint and changes RB

Action Invite Guest Ruth Benson to next meeting to give us an update on 30 site Biodiverse plan and to assist with the baseline assessment across all CTC sites

Action – to liaise with member needs the 7 main site to see if a Friends of the sites can be formed.

Action – Invite someone from CEC to speak on Air Quality SF

Action – RB to look into monitoring machines for Congleton, paper to go to next council meeting

## 4. Green Marketing

Verbal update from – there is now a calendar to the end of the year of information on green activities and initiatives

Looking into talks once a month either video, demonstrations or talks, Also looking to hold an event with local farmers on how their land can be utilised held at the town hall. (KW)

Chris Hilliard has offered a use of a Ecargo Bike (SF)

## 5. Streetscape action plan update(RB)

New Carbon Footprint document which will be available for the group next week, working with CEC on the action plan for Streetscape with more details and actions.

## 6. Biodiversity

Site Specific Biodiversity Update from Ruth Benson :

- Maintenance work on 90% of the sites has now been complete, with streetscape working on hedge trimming on establishes hedges from the first year, work completed so far is replacement planting, weeding and adding bark to the base of hedges
- Trees for Congleton will be looking to ask CTC for money towards 5 x standard trees

- The group are always looking for the opportunity to plant on news sites, sites which are coming forward so far are :
  - Congleton Hospital
  - Senior Aerospace
  - Barn Road
- The Green Fayre – had lots of public visiting the stall, with a lot of positive feedback and requests to plant more trees on various sites
- National Tree week 26-31<sup>st</sup> November
- Margaret Gartside has an action speak to all the local Parish Council how they can help and join in with tree planting and also help bring more land opportunities for planting, (SF) would like to help contact the PC if needed
- Ruth Benson is in talks with a volunteer hedge layer – hoping to carry out some hedge laying opportunities after Christmas
- Wildlife reports – Action Ruth Burgess to send copy of leaflet and marks Stubbs information so far to the group
- Note to Group leaflets are already in the CIC for all the public

#### 7. Carbon footprint methodology meeting

Action – SF to arrange a sub group meeting

#### 8. Green Fayre review

A huge success, the clothes stall had to go and get more clothes, they raised over £400 , Repair café also reported that they had a successful day with lots of items repaired and more coming forward after the event,

Date to remain next year in September, as there is a green fayre been prosed at Astbury Mere in June by Congelton Climate Action Group

A Stall holder review is going to be looked at for next due some issues this year

A thankyou to Cathy and Team to be noted for all the work before and on the day

Group Comments –

BS – More publicity felt was needed, the banners where not big enough

SF- thought publicity was enough as at her allotted time on the town council stall for 2.5hours she did not stop talking to residents and engaging with different groups,

Request to look into cost of more gazebos for stall holders due to the wet weather a lot of leaflets and information was wet.

More promotion on the electric car

Signage putting the public to the town hall where the repair shop and clothes swap was

Action HP to look in to the talks for next years

KW – requested to use this group and councillors more to help with the lead up to the event and maybe put certain people in charge of different sections of the event for example KW on electric cars

#### 9. Car Free Day review

- 3 school where visited by councillors and volunteers, there was an issues with 1 school Eaton Bank and not allowing to test at the school entrance, more interaction needed before hand with the schools and making them aware of what is being done, why and when
- Daven and Mossley a success with them both wanting to get more involved.

- Look into more schools getting involved next time

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#### 10. Reports going to Environment Committee for information

For information to the group the following reports will be going to the Council Environment Committee next week 2.11.23:

- Air Quality
- Green Space Consultation
- Town Hall Decarbonisation grant
- Composting and Reuse Programme

#### 11. AOB

Action KW – Free cycle day, speak to Ralph Kemp at Cheshire East

For next agenda :

- Eco Schools works with SF and MG
- Water Quality
- Offsetting ( KW) to set up a sub group

#### 12. Date of Next meeting

HP to check GW availability and report back