

# MINUTES – CONGLETON GREEN

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

@ 3.30pm-5pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3169828607?omn=87133505832>

Meeting ID: 316 982 8607

**Attendees: Councillors** :Chair Heather P, Heather S, Suzy F, Kay W, Glen W, A Martin,

**Volunteers** : Margaret Gartside

**Officers**, Ruth Burgess and David McGifford

**Invited guest Speaker** Ross Harding (CWT)

## 1. Apologies for Absence

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

- None received

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Heather Seddon, on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

## 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Approved minutes of the previous Green Working Group as a correct record (26.10.23)

## 4. Action Log

Date of Meeting	Item Number	Details of Action	By who	Latest Update	Progress
26.10.23	4.00	Chris Hilliard has offered a use of a Ecargo Bike (SF)	Cllr S Firkin & H Pearce	1.2.24 Loan for a trial bike Cllr Pearce to chase up	In Progress
26.10.23	5.00	New streetscape Carbon Footprint document	R Burgess	Date - Update Details	Complete
26.10.23	6.00	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	Cllr S Firkin & Margaret Gartside	1.2.24 Mg has already contact many Parish councils that attach to our boundary Cllr Firkin to have follow up at their next PC meetings	In Progress

26.10.23	6.00	Ruth Burgess to send copy of wildlife leaflet a to the group	R Burgess	resent with amendments 7.2.24	Complete
26.10.23	7.00	Carbon footprint methodology meeting - create a sub group and some ownership	Cllr S Firkin	Date - Update Details	In Progress
26.10.23	8.00	Green Fayre 2024 - HP to look in to the talks for next years	Cllr H Pearce	Date - Update Details	In Progress

## 5. Green Marketing

Verbal update received from Cllr K Wesley on the following subjects :

- Wider Cross Organisation Green Marketing meeting
- Stall dates sent out to all members for chosen subject in the pedestrian area
- Posters for shop windows and notice boards of green initiatives that month
- Calendar of dates now set for variety of events or subject topics to focus on

## 6. Streetscape action plan update(RB)

Updated Action Plan link [here](#) also included on the Town Council website under Streetscape Services

## 7. Biodiversity

Meetings have now been held with the dedicated Eco Operative and the Biodiversity sub group, see action list for Green WG Outstanding Actions

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OYIN4DKmFPAPyY3W7bC9zdKvmD42FFtSBDDoSi2BtU/edit?usp=sharing>

Local Town and Parish Council Tree Conference and Local Farmers and Land owners held at Congleton Town Hall both very successful meetings with lots learned and experiences shared.

## 8. Carbon footprint update

Support from outside professional consultation, spreadsheet will be updated monthly, with reports going to the Environment Committee which will show various graphs and figures for all to see and compare. Officer within the Town Council now have the responsibility of the spreadsheet and upkeep.

## 9. Eco Schools works

Ongoing action to be added, various liaison needed with the local primary and high schools by Cllr Firkin and Margaret Gartside.

## 10. Water Quality

Take forward to next meeting agenda

## 11. Offsetting ( KW) to set up a sub group

Take forward to next meeting agenda

## **12. Reports gone to Environment Committee for information**

- Air Quality
- Green Space Consultation
- Town Hall Decarbonisation Grant
- Composting and reuse programme
- Carbon Footprint reporting

## **13. AOB**

### **13.1 Congleton Moss**

At the start of the meeting we invited Ross Harding from the Cheshire Wildlife Trust who spoke on local plans and moss's in Cheshire East Council, very informative information with more work needed to start any restoration of Congleton Moss Rooms.

### **13.2 Reminder of new Working groups as of May 2024**

New groups will be formed in May please inform the Chief Officer of any interest going forward for this group.

## **14 Date of Next meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 1pm via zoom