

## Meeting: - Congleton Integrated Transport Working Group

**Date:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

**Time:** 5.30 – 6.20pm

**Location:** Spencer Suite, Town Hall

**In Attendance** – Cllr Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Sally Ann Holland Cllr Kay Wesley and Jackie MacArthur

Item	Discussion	Action	By Who
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Margaret Gartside		
2	<p><b>Purpose and objectives of the group:</b></p> <p>Still being formed. First meeting. Overarching objective to change the way people travel within Congleton in order to reduce the carbon footprint of the town (climate change emergency declaration), improve air quality and help to create a safer, more attractive and enjoyable environment for all.</p> <p>We will do this via lobbying and creating support for funding opportunities for physical infrastructure changes, as well as supporting educational and hearts and minds campaigns to make it easier for people in Congleton to get to venues such as the railway station, town centre, schools and places of work using alternatives to the private car.</p> <p>Suggested make a top 10 list of priorities – Mentioned at the first meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing/introducing a bus to meet the trains at the station</li> <li>• 20 mph zone for the Town Centre</li> <li>• Sharing bus passes – young people can't afford to work in Crewe/ many older people not using their free passes</li> <li>• Cycle way on Mountbatten Way</li> <li>• Remodelling transport options ahead of Link Road opening</li> <li>• Grants for infrastructure in schools to encourage cycling</li> </ul>	<p>Need to firm up the wording for our over arching objective</p> <p>Group to agree if this is the sub-clause.</p> <p>Individuals to pull together list of suggestions that can be discussed at next meeting. The suggestions would then need research and development, feasibility checks, consultation etc if they were taken forward.</p>	<p>Group before next meeting</p> <p>Group agree for next meeting</p> <p>All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understanding the bus routes and frequencies</li> </ul>		
3	<p><b>Next Steps</b>  Conscious that it is a big agenda and others are working on it too. Anticipate that all will be/ should be working with similar goals and aims and so need to understand the roles of other and how best to support each other to attract funding and deliver attractive alternatives for Congleton.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS</b>  Connect with Richard Hibbert CEC officer responsible for Local Transport Plan – invite to discuss CEC plans affecting Congleton with us.</p> <p>Understand CEC is writing a Town Delivery Plan for Congleton – find out who and understand what is in the plan, what local input we can have. Understand if this Delivery Plan includes Master Planning and if this is a priority for Congleton</p> <p>Contact Transport Solutions to find out more about the bus routes in Congleton, any changes and options for improvement as seen by CEC</p> <p>Contact Steven Joseph (Transport Consultant and expert on buses) to see what help/advice he could give to Congleton – what costs would be involved</p> <p>Write to other Town Councils in Cheshire East to find out what the Town Councils are proposing to reduce car dependency in their towns.</p> <p>Connect with the Chair of Congleton Active Transport (Ant Boulding) and invite to a meeting</p> <p>Connect with Peter Minshull chair of the Transport team for the Congleton Neighbourhood Plan to discuss strengthening.</p>	<p>Cllr Suzie Akers Smith</p> <p>Cllr Suzie Akers Smith</p> <p>Jackie Mac</p> <p>Cllr Kay Wesley</p> <p>Jackie Mac</p> <p>Cllr Kay Wesley</p> <p>Jackie Mac</p>
4	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>To be agreed</b>	