

## Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

### NOTES OF MEETING

**Date:** Thursday 23 April 2020

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Time:** 5pm

**Present:** Councillor Margaret Gartside (Chair), Councillor Sally Holland, Councillor Kay Wesley, Barry Speed, Peter Aston, Jackie MacArthur, David McGifford

**Guests:** Cllr Robert Douglas, Dan Firth, Jackie Potts, Barry Fox

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	Councillor Suzy Firkin, Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Martin Amies, Cllr Jean Parry		
2.	Chair welcomed the group and introductions			
3.	<p>Green Procurement: The group welcomed Dan Firth, Head of Procurement for Ground Control. Dan has had many years of experience in sustainable procurement and kindly offered to share some of his experience and lessons on sustainable procurement. The group was interested in this to see how we could reduce the carbon and environmental impact of the Town Council through more sustainable purchasing.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is attached.</p>	<p>Reconsider the Town Council's procurement strategy – where appropriate build in higher standards for responsible procurement such as using materials from sustainable sources, consider local purchases (less mileage), ethics of company – avoid modern slavery.</p> <p>Check purchases to look for improvements such as Buy concentrated.</p> <p>Develop a plan with steps over time and make it public – see slide 13.</p> <p>Share findings of Sustainable procurement with local businesses – possible role in educating/leading</p> <p>View free on-line training courses @ <a href="http://www.supplychainschool.co.uk">www.supplychainschool.co.uk</a></p>		

		Town Council Officers to meet to consider the opportunities for more sustainable procurement and report back to the group.		
4.	<p>Carbon Footprint – Barry Speed updated the group on progress over the past three weeks.</p> <p>Reminded the group that the Carbon Footprint of electricity will come down over time, but gas will not reduce. Question raised about just how green the electric supplier to the Town Hall is.</p> <p>More work needed to understand the waste processes – when working out the carbon footprint it was assumed that all waste went to landfill, the group believed it was largely incinerated.</p> <p>Also noted the public bins are waste collected by CTC, but the waste is not created by CTC – so although a good indicator for the carbon footprint of the town, it is questionable whether it should be included in the Town Council footprint.</p> <p>Barry asked that everyone should look closely at the methodology.</p> <p>Bio-fuel – Peter Aston – not been able to track the Crewe based company – this was about using catering and cooking oil for fuel</p> <p>Museum energy usage – report back from Cllr Kay Wesley – same energy supplier as the Town Hall. All electric. Temperature needs to be regulated for the artefacts so on 24/7. As had been expecting to move had not prioritised changing the system</p>	<p>Jackie to contact Hero Renewables to look at ways to reduce energy consumption in the Town Hall – company to meet Mark Worthington TH Manager. Jackie Potts to supply details of the electric company and their green credentials. This was checked recently.</p> <p>Send email to Ralph Kemp to clarify how the public waste bins waste is disposed of.</p> <p>Need to agree the way forward on this – agree at next meeting. Suggest useful indicator but not to be in the tally of the Town Council generated carbon footprint.</p> <p>All to read methodology and send questions or comments to Barry</p> <p>Will continue to see if the company still exists.</p> <p>Museum indicated it may need help with looking at this – see if possible to get Hero Renewables to view the museum when viewing the Town Hall.</p>	<p>JMacA – MW</p> <p>JMacA- RB</p> <p>All</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>All</p> <p>Peter Aston</p> <p>JMacA and MW</p>	<p>April 2020</p> <p>April 2020</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>23/04/20</p> <p>May 2020</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Invited and sorting a date</p>
5.	E-Learning – creating an e-learning package to give greater exposure to the Congleton Sustainable Living Course as	A proposal was sent out for companies to quote against. Two companies have come back with	KW/ SF/ JMacA	To agree late April early

	discussed at the meeting on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> April.	proposals. These are now being considered in more depth and investigated to understand exactly what the offer will be. The group will be kept informed.		May. Looking for delivery this summer.
6.	Off Setting – on hold for a future meeting	Add to next agenda	JMacA	
7.	Dates of Next Meeting	TBA – Town Council officers to meet first to look at the implications of the sustainable procurement	JMacA to send out details	