

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 2 April 2020

Location: Via Zoom

Time: 3pm

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

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
1.	Apologies	Councillor Suzie Akers Smith, Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Martin Amies, Cllr Jean Parry		
2.	Chair welcomed the group			
3.	Toolkits – from previous meeting (13 th Feb) agreed to look into developing an E-learning version of SLIC course (Green Learning for Congleton). Discussion held around the Middlesbrough toolkit and creating something bespoke and relevant for Congleton using the presentation by Barry Fox and the basis for the course development.	Agreed to put together a brief to go out to potential e-learning creative designers. KW to develop a brief and send to relevant freelancers. JM to send the brief to local companies and Chamber of Commerce. Copy of brief here Deadline for responses 17 th April. Report back to meeting on the 23 rd April – asking companies to be prepared to deliver project by late June. Need both a light-weight dip into subject approach and a more detailed learning materials.	Kay Wesley JMacA	Sent 6/04/20 Sent 6/04/20
4.	Carbon Footprint – Barry Speed reported back on the work being carried out by himself and Cllr Mark Rogan on creating a baseline understanding of the Carbon Footprint of Congleton Town Council (2018-19). BS warned that there was lots of uncertainty and difficulty comparing like with like, and has explained his methodology in a separate report.	Urged team to review the methodology document. Methodology and Initial findings document both attached	All	By 23/04/20

	<p>Two biggest elements by far – Town Hall gas/ electricity and Vehicle Usage. To find out more about vehicle use contracts and to seek any opportunities for trials of greener vehicles.</p> <p>Ultimate aim to reduce carbon usage, not spread it. Suggested seeking advice from Hero Renewable Technologies who attended the first green fayre for suggestions.</p> <p>Green Procurement – big area – Dan Frith has offered to share his knowledge with the group</p>	<p>Add energy use and reduction as a regular item on the Town Hall and Assets Committee agenda. Also vehicle usage and contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Aston to look into Bio Fuel options • Kay/Suzy to look into electricity use at the museum • Suzy to consult Heritage groups on updates for environmental measures for listed buildings. • Jackie M to contact Hero renewables <p>Jackie M to invite to the next meeting</p>	<p>PA KW/SF</p> <p>SF</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>JMacA</p>	<p>23/04/20 23/04/20</p> <p>23/04/20</p> <p>23/04/20</p> <p>23/04/20</p>
5.	<p>Off Setting – on hold for a future meeting Cllr Suzy Firkin recommended that group should look at the toolkit from the IEMA</p>	<p>Cllr Suzy Firkin to send a link for the group to review</p>	<p>SF ALL</p>	<p>23/04/20</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Transport Group needs to meet to discuss improvements to bus services in Congleton and ideas to put forward for potential grant funding.</p>	<p>Integrated Sustainable Transport Group to meet on the 9th April 2020.</p>		
3	<p>Dates of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd April – 5pm – 6.30pm</p>	<p>All</p>	