

Congleton In Bloom Working Group
24th August 2020 Virtual Zoom Meeting,
MINUTES

Attendee: Cllr D Brown (Chair), Cllr A Martin, Cllr M Gartside, B Edwards, G Williams, P Pinto, R Burgess (Officer)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance.
 - Anna Morrison, Martha Hayes
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** To approve the Notes of the previous meeting as a correct record
 - Approved
3. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
 - David Brown- Cheshire East
 - Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust (WDT) and FOCP
 - Glen Williams – Partnership and FOCP
 - Bob Edwards – Partnership
 - Margaret Gartside – Astbury Mere
1. **Update from Tree information – Website links**
 - Tree information is on the Town Council website, with update number of amounts of tree planted with a link to a map with locations, this is also on the partnership website.
 - Tree group will be linking with the Link Rd Graham Construction regarding their planned tree planting scheme
 - Idea for Memorial woodland recommended by RHS, regarding all the lives lost due to COVID-19
 - Glebe Farm have now planted 500 trees a variety of species – RB to add to list
2. **Town tidies update**
 - 15 attendee the last town tidy at Astbury Mere and Congleton Park, Congleton Plastic free group also joined to help with the litter pick at Astbury Mere.
 - GW and DB weeded and cleared Princess St Car Park
 - Total of 15 bags of vegetation and litter in total picked up which is now all recycled
 - Next Town tidy 12th September meeting at the community garden 10am MH Chronicle advert and social media, RB email to all councillors and previous volunteers on our database
3. **Green flags update from judging 18.8.20**
 - Very positive judging day, received verbal update from Chair of FoCP Glen Williams, the judge will be sending our a recommendations sheet, but he did mention about the Park Bedding, that we do not need any more sustainable bedding as this will lose the heritage of the park and the initial design by Edward Kemp, Work needs to be done on the woodland path and landing stage.
4. **Route update after tour**
 - Drive around with the team went well, showed us what we needed to do for next year – RB to create an action plan and maintenance programme,
 - Alexandria Court would like to be back in the judging
 - Need to create a list of sites and who does what - RB
5. **Wildflowers areas (with blue heart signs) update –**

We now have 20 blue hearts, which were put out in the park, in the park unable to leave out due to them being thrown in the river and at the buildings

6. AOB

- Action MH – add in to portfolio information on the new tree planting scheme
- All – generate a thank you list and send to RB and MH ready for DB to send out – send by 15th October
- AM – Issue with insects on Dutch Wall, - plan to remove 25 Rosemarie's with the team and clear soil – 6th September
- Congleton Park volunteer hours – 155 hours June and July 2020
- Next month's agenda item – community garden / cenotaph
- Quote for calendars A4 and strip calendar at 250 qty, photos to be sent to RB 4th September

Next meeting 14th September 10AM