

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 10 September 2020

Location: Via Zoom

Time: 5pm

Present: Councillor Margaret Gartside (Chair), Councillor Suzy Firkin, Councillor Kay Wesley, Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Martin Amies, Barry Speed, Peter Aston, Jackie MacArthur.

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By who	By when
1	Apologies	Cllr Sally Holland, David McGifford Councillor Jean Parry,		
2	<p>Actions from meeting 23 April not on agenda</p> <p>a) CTC Top 10 to reduce:</p> <p>b) E-Learning</p>	<p>Top 10 items from Carbon footprint sheet now split between Town Hall Working Group, Streetscape Working Group and Town Council Management Team and will report back to the Committee. Team to produce SMART targets based on benchmark. Barry Speed offered to complete baseline for 2019- 20 in the same way as the 2018-19 for comparison. (Note 2020-2021 likely to be exceptional due to COVID)</p> <p>This has been temporarily paused while more work goes into the learning experience side of the project and more local content added. Peter Aston to join editorial board.</p>	<p>JMacA with Mgt team</p> <p>Barry S</p> <p>KW/SF/MG/ JM & PA</p>	<p>November meeting</p> <p>Nov Mtg</p> <p>Fortnightly meetings</p>
3	Carbon Offsetting Options	<p>Barry Speed and Cllr Firkin have started work on a paper on options for Carbon offsetting options for Congleton. The paper now contains all the main issues and asked to circulate it to all members of the Green Working Group and Barry Fox from CSG to consider how we can move the principles forward to help Congleton.</p> <p>Paper to be circulated</p> <p>Add as a main item for next agenda</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JMacA</p> <p>JMacA</p>	<p>November</p> <p>Sept</p> <p>Sept</p>
4	Wider Plan for reducing Congleton's Environmental Footprint/	Agenda item 2 is about reducing the carbon footprint of areas within the control of the Town Council. This item is about an action plan for the		

			<p>town as a whole. It is a huge task. Add local business types into the equation. Lots of good work already underway by a variety of local groups –Congleton Sustainability Group, Plastic Free Congleton, Congleton Tree Planting Group, Active Travel, Eco Schools, Love Food Hate Waste, SLIC course, E-learning, Green Fayres.</p> <p>Actions – Pull together a comprehensive grid showing all various groups/organisational types which need to be involved, all the gaps and the issues and opportunities for change.</p> <p>Explore options for introducing Town-wide green awards – ways to incentivise change.</p>	PA/JMacA	Oct
8	AOB	Green Waste	Question on Green waste - which is greener – compost waste in garden or using green bin	PA	Nov
		Webinars/Podcast	PA gave overview of meeting with KW and JMacA – idea to create Congleton centric webinars to help drive education on interesting green topics – want to reach across the generations. – Ongoing work	PA/KW/JMac	Update email
		Transport Issues	An Integrated Transport Working Group is being held on Friday 25 th September to look at targets and strategy – minutes of this meeting to circulate to green group too.	JMac	End Sept
		Bike Doctor	Would it be possible to organise a session in town to get your Bike sorted – potential Bike Doctor could check bikes and fix if simple or explain what is needed if serious work needed.	MR/JMacA	Sept/Oct
		International Car Free Day	22 September – could put out on Social Media – but too late to organise road closures for this year. Could consider for next year?	JMacA	Add to grid
9	Date of Next Meeting		Thursday 5 th November- ZOOM		