

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 18th August 2021

Location: Zoom

Time: 5.30pm - 7pm

Present: Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair), Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Amanda Martin, Peter Aston, Barry Speed, Heather Seddon, Ruth Burgess, Adam Linnet

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Duncan Amies, Cllr Margaret Gartside, Jackie MacArthur		
2	Minutes of meeting on the 17 July 2021	Accepted as a true record - add to Working Group Page	Jackie	August
3	<p>Biodiversity – next Steps BS asked for details about which organisations/authorities are responsible for managing green spaces in town.</p> <p>Ruth needing help to put out blue hearts and signs on the rewilding sites – Cllrs SF, KW and MG offered to help.</p>	<p>Agreed that CTC to look at a way forward and then discuss this with relevant organisations responsible for various parts of Congleton.</p> <p>To look at the Knutsford model and the ‘friends of’ groups that it has created using their three headed campaign. 1. increasing Wildlife planting, 2. Plant a tree for each resident, 3. Improve Biodiversity. SF to circulate.</p> <p>Include Biodiversity info in the Climate Festival/Green Fayre publicity</p> <p>Work with local groups to create bug hotels and bird and bat boxes</p> <p>Get developers to add less fences and more hedges.</p> <p>Set targets for what is needed</p> <p>All to read the Lawton Report – Adam to send</p>	<p>CTC</p> <p>SF All</p> <p>JM</p>	<p>Sept</p> <p>Sept</p> <p>Sept</p>

		Publicise opportunities to landowners and farmers – grant schemes for nature		
4	Rewilding – update on CTC work - Ruth Burgess gave an update on the 13 areas that CTC is piloting	Ruth to circulate details of which sites are live, which are being consulted on – along with maps to show where the sites are located.	RB	Aug/Sept
5.	CTC Targets – updates and plans	To add to the September Meeting	Jackie	For next meeting
6.	Update on Air Quality survey (Barry)	Barry will send out to the group the Air Quality measurement figures and full feedback. Note there may be an option for some collaborative work with Manchester University.	Barry	
7.	E-learning – update	Ironing out glitches so that it can go live.		August 21
8.	Green Fayre	Currently 15 events and a number of stalls booked into the Green Fayre. By mid-September looking to add another 10 events and 10 stalls. Looking for around £2k for the publicity materials – budgets being sorted. Green group needs a budget moving forward as currently not a CTC budget that it fits neatly into.	JMacA/	August
9.	Off-setting Martin Barley from CWT will speak at the next meeting. Joe Pimblett is now working elsewhere.	Invite Martin to the next meeting	JMacA	August.
	AOB Barry concerned that CTC doesn't know how to calculate Carbon Footprint Suzy Firkin concerned that our Climate Change Plan is not progressing fast enough. CEC putting £2m in Air source pump heating in Macclesfield and localised heating in Crewe. Currently only one of our vehicles can be replaced with an electric vehicle.	Barry to sit with new RFO - Serena – to teach her how to do this. Need to be costing up our plans so that we can apply for grants. Find out how the grant was obtained from CEC and whether funding opportunities are available to us. What external advice is available to improve the sustainability of the Town Hall. Need to source electric charging points	Barry SF Ruth	September September August

10.	Date of Next Meetings	Thursday 16 th September – 10am – 11.30 Wednesday 20 th October 5.30 – 7pm Thursday 18 th November – 10am – 11.30 Wednesday 19 th January 5.30pm – 7pm Thursday 17 th February 10am – 11.30am Wednesday 16 th March 5.30pm – 7pm		