

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 7th February 2022

Location: Zoom

Time:

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair) Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Barry Speed, Heather Seddon, Ruth Burgess, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Duncan Amies, Cllr Martin Amies Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Amanda Martin		
2	Notes of meeting on the 21st January 2022	Accepted as a true record – with the additional information added as highlighted in the meeting. Several members had agreed that ‘trees cannot be the full solution for offsetting’, and BS had asked for this to be in the Minutes. Jackie Mac to upload the updated version onto the website.	Jackie	February
3.	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTC Energy Efficiency Carbon Net-Zero Roadmap for the Town Hall due diligence done, a preferred consultant had been chosen, and waiting for spending approval from Policy and Finance. • Developing 2020/21 and 2021/22 carbon footprint spreadsheets being worked on by Serena, and will be shared as soon as ready. • Woodland Trust offer – more research carried out by SF. Becomes even more complicated. No action to be taken for now • Order for the site-specific biodiversity work has been placed and a project start meeting is planned for the 10th March 	MW/SF SVS CLOSED ST/MG/RB	March Next meeting March
4.	Green Marketing Plan Kay gave a presentation highlighting the discussions and recommendations from two workshops looking into targets, messages, what we are looking to achieve, actions we want to develop. Meeting with Congleton High School to look at what they would like to achieve	Further meeting to agree the calendar of monthly ‘green’ events and key targets for each month Group excited by the Green Marketing Plan and ideas coming from the it Important to sort out the messaging on the Town Council Website – adding Green Council to the Your Council section and Green Community to the Discover Congleton Section.	KW/JM. JM	February

	<p>Monthly themes from the Green calendar – need to work on with the other Green Groups.</p> <p>Led on to a discussion on waste and if there is more that CTC can do to put pressure on for a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Also for places where recyclable materials can be dropped off.</p>	<p>Need to do more to market the E-Learning Course Work with businesses on Green Commerce – Via Chamber of Commerce Work with Farmers on Green offers – Young Farmers and Cheshire Farmers Look at the journey of people on CTC website</p> <p>Check and link to the CEC Waste site pages - places to recycle – link to CTC web Draw up a list of what can be recycled in Congleton and what additional receptacles are needed.</p>	<p>JM SF/KW JM/RB</p> <p>JM</p> <p>HS/MG/JM RB</p>	<p>ASAP March March</p>
5.	<p>Citizens Assembly Held over from the last meeting. Heather and Suzy had met to discuss various ways that towns have held Citizen’s Assemblies. Important to engage with the public. Should it be open to all, or a targeted group that is representative of the town? Need professional facilitator. Group moving towards a carefully targeted group to match the demographics of the town.</p>	<p>More research into groups and organisations that can help to deliver a Citizens Assembly. Asked for all members to read the Citizens Assembly web site so that a more informed discussion can be held next time. (document also attached)</p> <p>Looking to deliver before the date of the Green Fayre. To discuss at the next meeting.</p>	<p>All All</p>	
6.	<p>Air Quality Barry has supplied the data collected over the past 18 months. Question what happens next? CEC purchasing a particulates monitor – but only using in Disley</p>	<p>Find out more about the data from CEC re the traffic flows post Link Road (CEC traffic survey happening in May) Barry to receive a loan of more equipment from Manchester University for further air quality monitoring. Jackie to invite Dimal to attend a future meeting to discuss what’s possible with more monitoring. Noted that paper for a future CTC C&E cttee will be prepared (as agreed last meeting)</p>	<p>JMacA JM/SF/BS</p>	<p>March/ April</p>
6.	<p>CTC Targets – updates and plans Needs to be a major focus for the group - how CTC is fulfilling its Climate Change Emergency and the</p>	<p>To add to the website. Detailed Action Plan to be made available to the Group. To speak to Serena re-updating the carbon footprint information for the Town Council.</p>	<p>JMacA</p>	<p>Feb? March</p>

	Town Council's work to reduce its carbon footprint across all aspects of its work.	To carry out actions as mentioned in item 4.		
7.	E-Learning	Obtain figures for people doing the course Needs more publicity Update to be carried out – Barry Fox (and others) to be consulted	Jackie	
8.	AOB Barry asked about Congleton reducing its carbon footprint – was it by 2025 or 2030 Ruth confirmed one Streetscape team has electric powered tools rather than fuel – others will be changing to electric as equipment needs replacing Barry asked if there was now a TPO on the Tree at the Church House, as had been requested by Councillors in Aug 2021 Barry noted that CTC website figures for trees and hedges are misleading Schedule of Meetings	Confirmed it was by 2025 - Jackie asked that if someone saw it in the Chronicle written as 2030 to let Jackie know and she'll correct it. Ruth to continue with a replacement policy of equipment Ruth confirmed that a TPO application had been made - to check and report back Figures to be broken down for clarity To alternate between third Wednesday and third Thursday on a monthly basis	Ruth Ruth Jackie	Ongoing Feb/ March Next meeting
10.	Date of Next Meetings	Wednesday 16 th March 5.30pm – 7pm Thursday 21 st April 10am – 11.30am Wednesday 18 th May 5.30pm – 7pm Thursday 16 th June 10am – 11.30am		