

## Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

### NOTES OF MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 5.30pm - 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair) Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Amanda Martin, Heather Seddon, , Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	<b>Apologies</b>	Adam Linnet (CWT), Barry Speed Ruth Burgess Cllr Mark Rogan, Cllr Duncan Amies, Cllr Martin Amies		
2	<b>Notes of meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	Accepted as a true record – with the additional information added by Barry Speed accepted. Noted that amendments should be about errors and corrections. Add updated minutes to Working Group Page.	Jackie	March
3.	<b>Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda</b>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> – Rewilding – all sites now approved. Planting season will begin when risk of frost decreased.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> – <i>Green Fayre</i> - booked for 24<sup>th</sup> September – actions will be picked up in a couple of months – considering Repair café in Town Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> September – bookings will start in April when Health and Wellbeing fayre completed.</p> <p><b>Ongoing:</b> <i>Developing Carbon Footprint for 2020/21 and 2021/22</i> – Serena now inserting data and has shared 2020/21 spreadsheet with the group and in April will start on the 2021/22 sheet.</p> <p><b>Ongoing:</b> Biodiversity Plan – Community and Environment Supported the paper and Council agreed to the funding. An initial meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. The 30 sites have been agreed and working up the details. Meetings to be arranged with Plus Dane and Biddulph Countryside Rangers.</p>	<p>Ruth – streetscape</p> <p>Jackie</p> <p>SVS</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>ST/MG/RB</p>	<p>March</p> <p>April</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>March</p>
4.	Green Marketing and messaging	Further meeting to agree the calendar of monthly ‘green’ events and key targets for each month planed for Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March.	KW/JM.	February

	<p><b>1. Plan for Updating Green Learning - Jackie</b></p>	<p>Action 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 which will be a hub of green information. Need to do more to market the E-Learning Course Targeting Councillors, Staff, Green Groups in Congleton, schools, businesses and families. Draw up a list of what can be recycled in Congleton and what additional receptacles are needed.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>As with plan SF/KW JM/RB</p>	<p>ASAP March March</p>
5.	<p><b>Air Quality</b></p> <p>Barry now has a new professional monitoring instrument on loan from Manchester University. This is available to anyone who would like to use it, eg. for a day or for a weekend. All results will be added to the existing spreadsheet as they are collected.</p>	<p>If anyone is able to help with Air Quality Monitoring contact Barry Speed Some more monitoring has been done outside Mossley School – results being analysed. Chair asked for Dimal from Airly to be invited to next meeting to discuss Air Quality monitoring that his company does Agreed a paper would be better to the meeting after the 31<sup>st</sup> March to discuss Air Quality following the next Green Meeting</p>	<p>Jackie to invite Jackie to let Barry know</p>	
6.	<p><b>Citizens Assembly</b></p> <p>Cllr Suzy Firkin discussed the research that she had carried out. A facilitator that had impressed was not able to help, but could make recommendations. Lots of different and effect ways to run a Citizen’s assembly.</p>	<p>Agreed that more research needed and clearer on objectives. Lots of overlap with the engagement side of the Green Marketing Plan. More research needed before able to take recommendations to CE Committee</p>	<p>Keep on agenda</p>	
7.	<p><b>CTC Targets – updates and plans</b></p> <p>Work underway on the website to create Green Council pages under your Council and Green Community in Discover Congleton. Now have three years of figures. Group discussed best way to show this – Overall Carbon footprint. KPIs for the Town Hall, KPIs for Streetscape and actions taken by both. KPIs on purchasing plus development on other green initiatives by the Council</p>	<p>Heather agreed to look at ways of displaying the figures to add to the pages.</p> <p>This needs to be a priority action and would be discussed further at the Green Marketing Meeting on Friday</p>	<p>Heather</p> <p>Jackie / Kay</p>	<p>March</p>

8.	E-Learning - to keep on the agenda and not lose site off as an important tool in Green Marketing	Needs to be a part of the Green Marketing Plan and need to get more detailed google analytics from TMC to assess how people are using the e-learning.	Jackie /Kay	
9.	AOB  Improving Recycling in the absence of a Congleton Household Waste and Recycling Centre. Noting that Congleton Town Council is continuing to exert pressure on CEC re the closure of the Congleton Site. Ideally need to make it easy for people to recycle goods that can't go in household recycling bins.	Ongoing dialogue with Cheshire East Officers re waste Looking for a short-term solution particularly for some electrical items and for light bulbs.  To find out if Tesco still recycle small electrical items (they do, but you have to prove that you purchased it from them)	Suzy to contact CEC	March
10.	Date of Next Meetings - these were agreed Asked that Jackie sends out a calendar invite so all in the diary	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm – 7pm Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 10am – 11.30am Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm – 7pm Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 10am – 11.30am		