

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 18th May 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair) Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Amanda Martin, Heather Seddon, Barry Speed, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Cllr Kay Wesley, Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies		
2	Notes of meeting of 21st April 2022	Accepted as a true record Presentation from Dimal needs to be sent to all members	Jackie	
3.	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	<p>Ongoing – Rewilding CTC - all sites are now planted</p> <p>Ongoing: <i>Developing Carbon Footprint for 2021/22</i> – Serena was inputting data based on financial information – but needs to look at this in more detail. Fuel is now far more expensive than a year ago, as is energy- so could be paying more but using less. Serena and Barry to have a conversation re calculating carbon footprint. Currently fuel prices increasing almost weekly.</p> <p>On Hold – Green Assembly - not a clear way forward and is still on hold</p> <p>Ongoing – <i>Green Fayre</i> - booked for 24th September – road closures booked, Jackie, Cathy Dean, Rachel and Celeste to develop the plan for the day. May be an idea to include Repair Work Shop, Slimming World and Kids Clothes in the Town Hall. Someone to repair clothes? Possible Fashion Show. Look into events to build a ‘Big Green Week’.</p>	<p>Serena and Barry</p> <p>JM, CD, RM</p>	May/ June
4.	Air Quality Paper for CE Committee	Paper to be written on behalf of the Green Group to go to Communities and Environment Committee. The Green Group wants CTC to put pressure on CEC to do far more to research and monitor Air Quality in	JM/ SF	May

		<p>Congleton, to measure particulates and offer for Congleton to be used for any innovative work or studies into Air Quality. Cllr Suzy Firkin will present the paper. Jackie to pull it together.</p>		
5.	Biodiversity Plan	<p>Ruth Benson is starting work on the plans for the 30 sites – which are all either CTC or CEC-managed areas. Hope to have the plans ready in June. Meets with a sub-group of Green Group members. Speaking with local experts on bats, moles, hedgehogs etc. There will be consultation and engagement with local people. Note more funding may be needed to progress some of the projects.</p>	Biodiversity subgroup	June
6.	Decarbonising the Town Hall	<p>Consultants have now been appointed. Thompson consultancy coming to the Town Hall on the 23 May to start the project. Town Hall Consultants will be speaking with the consultants working on the hydro scoping project on the Dane to see if there can be any synergy. Separate smaller group – Cllrs SF, MW, MA – will work with the Town Hall Working group and keep the Green Group informed</p>	Cllr SF to update the group – keep as an agenda item.	
7.	Green Marketing and messaging	<p>As planned lots of messages going out in May around no mow May and also around the National Clean Air Day. Not many people willing to make videos – but CTC team finding information to share. Look to get pics from Plus Dane and Streetscape Team. Need to explain more about why the playing fields are being cut.</p> <p>Barry suggested adding more links to the Green Calendar</p> <p>Check what happened with the CWT Wildlife Poster</p> <p>Make it more visible the work CTC has done around Carbon reduction - Electric supplier, electric equipment rather than diesel, working around reducing vehicles and electric vehicles, appointed consultants on a decarbonisation plan, changed lighting, changed chemicals, changed to peat-free compost, more online meetings (less travel)</p>	<p>KW/JM.</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JM/SF/KW</p>	<p>May</p> <p>May</p> <p>Create a visible dashboard</p>
9.	AOB Plastic Free Congleton	<p>Plastic Free Congleton has now met all the requirements to be awarded Plastic Free Community status for Congleton. Team to be congratulated.</p>		

	E-Learning Course AIR Quality Information	July messaging will be around Plastic Free. Arrange for the Mayor to present something to the group Need to get accurate analytics for the course – Jackie to sort out a meeting and arrange to get the data from TMC Leaflets and posters printed for the Air Quality Group -	JM/HS JM	June June
10.	Date of Next Meetings -	Thursday 16 th June 10 – 11.30am _ THIS MEETING WAS LATER CANCELLED. Wednesday 27 th July 4- 5.30pm Thursday 18 th August 10- 1130am		