

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday 4th August 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	Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies, Peter Aston		
2	Notes of meeting of 18th May 2022	Accepted as a true record		
3.	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	<p>Ongoing: <i>Developing Carbon Footprint for 2021/22</i> – Serena was inputting data based on financial information – agreed that Jackie needs to sort a meeting with Serena and Barry to get these figures over the line.</p> <p>On Hold – Green Assembly - not a clear way forward and is still on hold</p> <p>Ongoing - Air Quality – CTC took a paper to CE. Keen to work with CEC as a partner on any projects involving air quality monitoring. Need more robust monitoring in Congleton. -</p>	<p>JMacA, BS and Serena</p> <p>JMacA</p>	<p>Asap</p> <p>Share comms</p>
5.	Update on Site Specific Biodiversity Plan	Cllr Suzy Firkin reported back. Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Suzy Firkin and Streetscape Development Manager Ruth Burgess are impressed with the work carried out by Ruth Benson on the 30 specific sites. Need Adan at CWT to have sight of the plans – Cllr SF will contact Adam. 7 sites have been chosen on to work on first – These are Quinta Park, Back Lane area, Stirling Close, Hillfields, Windsor Place, Blackshaw Close and Redfern Avenue. Will be looking to work with a nature conservation team for each area. Starting the process of applying for funds.	<p>Biodiversity subgroup Continue to work on.</p> <p>SF to contact AL</p>	September
6.	Update on Town Hall Decarbonising	The report from the consultants has just been received. A meeting has been planned for the 17 th /18 th August to consider the report and recommendations. Cllr SF will circulate the plan to group members. From first reading looks like a good thorough piece of work with options itemised and costed against returns on reducing carbon footprint. Ranges from sm	Cllr SF to update keep as an agenda item.	

7.	Green Marketing and messaging	<p>Although a lot of messages going out on social media and via local press, the group does not believe that the messages are not making a great impact and not many unknown people are commenting on posts.</p> <p>Meeting planned with TMC to look into the E-learning and the google analytics associated with the course.</p> <p>Marketing Team will consider other ways to communicate. Noted that CSG seem a bit quieter during the past few months. Need to make a greater impact and get more of a green focus.</p> <p>Creating more Green pages for the website – these will be split across Your Council, Business and Discover Congleton with a Green focus in each. Need support from all members on sourcing green resources.</p> <p>Comment that Congleton in Bloom could become even more green – growing from scratch, more sustainable planting. Green Group could write suggestions for the In Bloom group to consider.</p>	Green marketing team	
8.	Update on the Green Fayre	<p><i>Green Fayre</i> - booked for 24th September – road closures booked. Space for 32 stalls – many from last year wish to return. Town Hall is part of the fayre this year and will house Repair Workshop and looking to get a clothes swap style event. Peter Aston looking to help with some electric cars and bikes for people to talk with the owners. Looking to build events around the fayre as part of a big green week with a series of talks and walks. Shared between CTC and Congleton Partnership.</p>	JMacA Rachel Cathy Peter and anyone who wants to help	Event 24 Sept.
9	Fast Fashions	Heather prepared a presentation. Unfortunately ran out of time but this will be sent to all group members as self-explanatory. Recognised as a big problem and creates a huge amount of waste/ use of resources to create.		
10	Update on Town Council Climate Emergency Targets	This needs to be a priority – need to create a visible and clear dashboard, and need the data to feed this dashboard. Kay offered to help Jackie.		
9.	AOB: Climate Change Booklet	Heather wanted a copy - Jackie to leave in the CIC .	JM	August
10.	Date of Next Meeting -	TBA for September – actions needed first		