

## Congleton In Bloom Working Group

### 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Chair : Cllr D Brown, Cllr R Chadwick, B Edwards,  
Cllr M Gartside, G Williams, P Pinto, R Burgess

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance. – None
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.
  - a. David Brown- Cheshire East
  - b. Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG
  - c. Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
  - d. Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership, FoCG
  - e. Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
  - f. Sue Conway – FoCP, FoCG
- 3. Minutes approved from previous meeting – November 2022 – approved**
- 4. Judges feedback report**
  - The whole committee were very pleased with the judges report from both North West in Bloom and Britain in Bloom.
  - Highest score we have received
  - Both sets of judges enjoyed their days around Congleton and loved the variety of sites which we showed them.
  - Comments throughout were very positive
- 5. Update from Bernard Pendleton on RHS – RB**
  - RB fed back to the committee on the correspondence between RHS and North West in Bloom regarding extra IYN groups entering and working with them in future helping to grow the in bloom status in Congleton .
- 6. Back to Back Gardens – Theme**
  - Back to back gardens and wheelbarrows theme will be based around the Coronation of the King
- 7. Sites list and who is main contact**
  - See separate appendix 1, for full site list of volunteer and streetscape sites based around In bloom.
- 8. Budgets – Reviewed and agreed,**

## 9. AOB

- Biowise compost to be delivered to Congleton Park in February – free to volunteer group, nurseries, and care homes.
- More neighbourhoods will be entering next year ( so far the following have shown an interest)
  - o Bromley Bloomers
  - o Green Gables Care Home
  - o Astbury Mere Care Home
  - o Heath View Residential Home
  - o Tennis Club
- Need to look into further sponsorship with groups and businesses.
- Cenotaph planting at the back wall
  - o Brunnia
  - o Periwinkle
  - o Lamium

### Next Meeting

- Source potential sites for Green Wall campaign 2023
- Arrange a walk around Congleton with committee making a note of all work required

### Actions:

- Create maps for different things
  - o Orchards
  - o IYN groups
  - o Tree planting schemes

**NB: ROUTE- All – start to think about ready for our January meeting**

Next meeting : 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023