

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

17th March 2023 Meeting, Agenda

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.

Cllr Russell Chadwick

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

David Brown- Cheshire East

Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG

Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP

Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership, FoCG

Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP

Sue Conway – FoCP, FoCG

3. **Minutes approved from previous meeting** – January 2023 – approved
4. Action from previous meeting
 - Maps
 - Orchards (PP to send list, RB to update Map) – complete appendix 1
 - IYN Groups (RB to create) – complete appendix 2
 - Tree Planting Schemes (Trees for Congleton To share the map) – still ongoing
 - TMC – Green Roof Project arrange a meeting (RC)- **ACTION** take to next meeting
 - URC Church, are becoming a ECO Church, with a community garden at the rear (PP to find more info)
The church is a Bronze level Eco Church, Jackie Kay is the lead and contact, they have been given permission to create a garden and allotment area, already had two sessions end of Feb clear with a group of volunteers. Plan to create a group of raised beds. Working towards the Silver Level Eco Church (National Award)
5. New Community Allotment and Garden – Hillfields open Space – Verbal update to group (RB)- well received by group and approved
6. 2023 IYN Entries confirmed (RB)- confirmed all entries so far to CiB and forms seen See appendix 3
7. Marketing and PR Campaign (All) Easter Week in bloom stall, the big seed sow , monthly town tidy, community orchard press release. Thanking our sponsors chronicle report
8. Friends of ...Schools.... (new campaign) (RB) verbal update received
9. Finance (RB) verbal update received
10. Removal of trees on Mountbatten Way along with replanting schedule. (RC) - streetscape to remove the trees from the bear roundabout to the traffic lights keeping the wood and replant the trees.
11. Bridge street tree boxes planting schedule. (RC)- **Action** take to next meeting RC Absence
12. Root removal of Buddleia in walls around the town. (RC) - **Action** take to next meeting RC Absence
13. Wall repair to steps on Rood Hill (RC) – **Action** - Look into ownership
14. RHS Communities The big seed sow. 27 March to 2 April suggested dates for sowing(PP) 1st April Congleton Park and also 4th April at Easter Treats
15. Biodiversity project Behind the wall (funded by WDT)(PP) Elizabeth Garden , new hedge planted, new borders and apple trees. Dead hedge woven in with willow . new fence to be install at the front of the Elizabeth Garden.
16. St Peter's churchyard, the front part. After Streetscape have finished their clearance, can we discuss with the church wardens and do some sustainable planting, instead of roes of bedding changed twice a year.(PP)- **Action** – PP to speak to church warden for confirmation.

17. Dutch Wall (PP) Monday 20th Streetscape will be removing the plants and soil, plants will be potted up and replanted.
18. Next Town Tidy (GW)
 - Town Tidy 1st April - Great British Spring Clean 17th March 2nd April '23 – Congleton Park 10am-12pm invite woodland trust (Mike)

Action

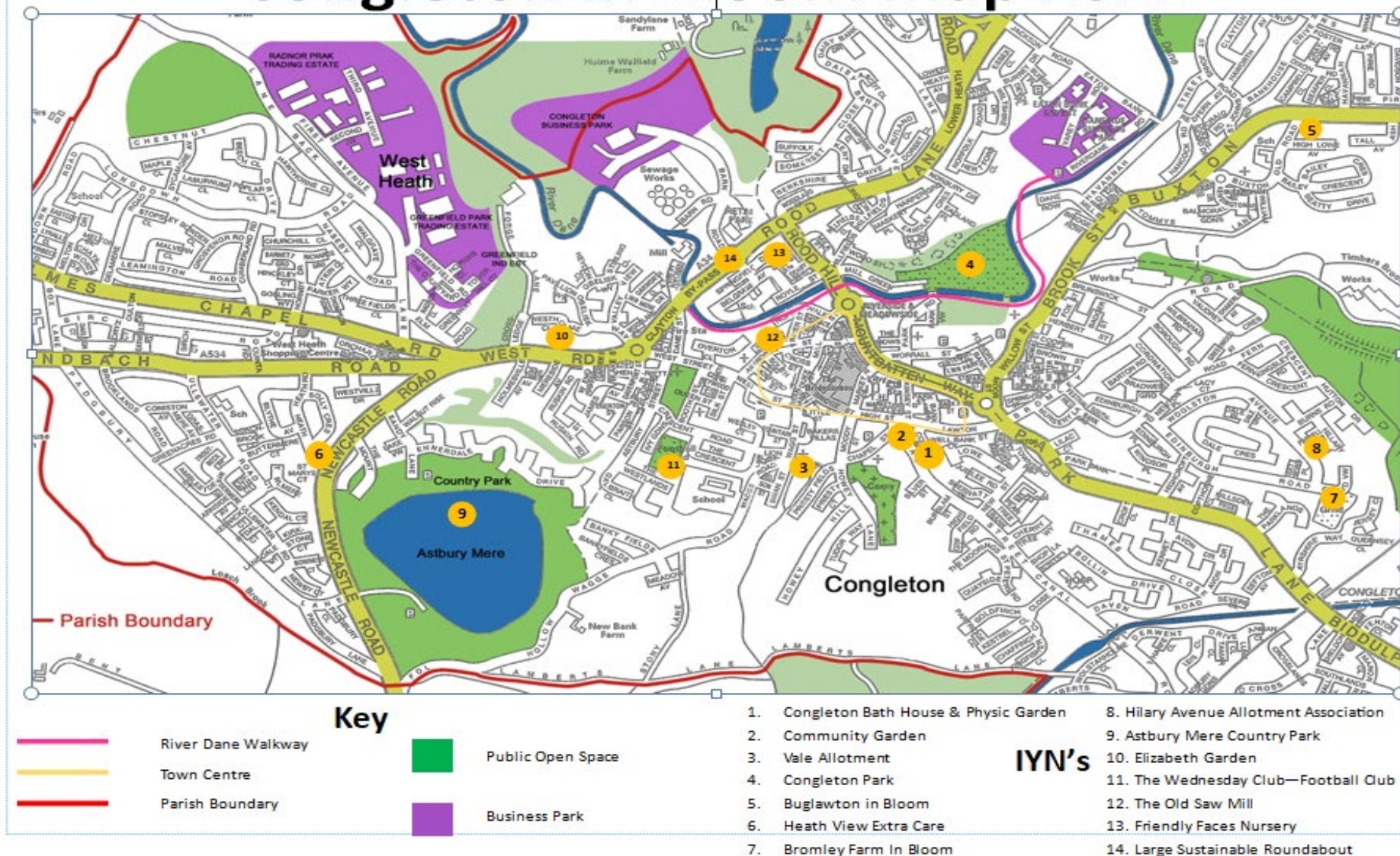
- Create a map with the 30x new site specific biodiversity sites (RB)
- Explore the possibilities of further churches joining the Eco church campaign (PP)
- Document PR Campaign for portfolio
- National gardening week 1-7th May 2023 – Community Garden launch event, publicise the open garden campaign 29th April to tie in with the Makers Market, banners at the maker market
- Sign for volunteers to put out when working in the gardens
- Blue Heart campaign signs put out on sites

Next meeting : 21st April 2023

Orchards in Congleton



Congleton In Bloom Map 2022



Appendix 3

Organisation name	Judging Group	Status	Category	SubCategory	Notes
Bromley Farm in Bloom	Congleton		IYN	Neighbourhood	
Buglawton in Bloom	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Congleton Bath House and Physic Garden	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Congleton in Bloom	Congleton	Entered	BIB Core	Large Town	
Congleton Park	Congleton	Entered	BIB Core	Large Park (LA)	
Friendly Faces Nursery	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Friends of Congleton Park	Congleton		IYN	Neighbourhood	
Friends of the Community Garden, Congleton	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Green Gables Care, home Congleton	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Hillary Avenue Allotment Association	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
The Alexandra Court Hotel	Congleton		BIB Regional	Small Accommodation	
The Lion and Swan	Congleton		BIB Regional	Large Accommodation	
The Old Sawmill	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	
The Wednesday Club	Congleton	not entering	IYN	Neighbourhood	
Vale Allotments and Gardening Association	Congleton	Entered	IYN	Neighbourhood	