

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

3rd November 2023 Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Cllr D Brown, Cllr H Seddon, Cllr G Williams, Bob Edwards, Patti Pinto

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.

Charles Booth
Rob Brittain
Rob Moreton
Susan Mead
Russell Chadwick
Heather Pearce
Sue Conway
Margaret Gartside

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
Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, Astbury Mere Trust
Heather Seddon- CEC

3. **Update on IYN for 2024**

New for 2024
Astbury Mere Care Home
New Life Church – Jubilee Club
Football Club
Lion and Swan (Business)

A total of 17 entries judging will be across two days

4. **Vyson Garden**

Will be back on board, with new plans taking place in 2024 by Vyson, working with the cloud gardener – ready for end of 2024

5. **2024 projects update**

- a. Back to Back Gardens Theme

Number 10, more groups joining this year so some vertical garden will need to be – End of March to be completed – Supply of palettes required

- b. Congleton Park Plaque

100 years of Congelton War Memorial

- c. Wildflowers Verges

Link Rd Roundabouts, Holmes Chapel Rd, Sandbach Rd, Mountbatten Way, Ambulance Station

d. Green Walls

Action – boxes to be purchased 6ft long 2ft width plaswood

- Trellis to be purchased from RPG Herbs
- Look in to sponsorship
- Look into costs of watering

6. Update from North West In Bloom awards day @ Bolton

- a. Thursday 19th October Cheshire Category
- b. Wednesday 18th IYN Category

- 9 x outstanding
- 2 x Advancing
- 2 x Thriving
- Large Town Gold
- Park – Gold
- Best in Cheshire East

7. Congleton awards evening 7th November @ 6pm

8. AOB

- To add churches and pubs to the portfolio
- Astbury Mere – new plans in place
 - a. Repairs to around the pond
 - b. New benches
 - c. Trees for Congleton involved with planting the new orchard
 - d. Wildflowers planted
 - e. Improving the overall biodiversity
- Roundabouts
 - Link rd. RB- sustainable/wildflowers
 - Wagon Horse RB – Sustainable
 - Fire station – Bedding
 - Clayton Bypass RB– Sustainable
 - Bear RB- 50/50
 - Park Lane RB - 60/40
- Look into public survey on CiB

Next meeting : TBA