

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	26th September 2024 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager		
AGENDA ITEM	14		
REPORT TITLE	Solar Together and Green Fayre – for information		
Update	<p>Solar Together</p> <p>Solar Together offers residents a way to begin powering their home through renewable energy. An initiative ran through Cheshire East Borough Council, there is a sub – group which Cllr Firkin sits on to help organised Solar Together events with Congleton and also feed back to the Green Working Group and Town Council any information. The next event is on 7th October 2024 7pm held at Congleton Town Hall, this is an open event for all , the speakers on the evening will be : Mark Thompson – Benefits of Solar and Battery, Eco Building Design. Paul Williams, Tech Dane Valley Community Energy and then finishing of with testimonials from local residents.</p> <p>This meeting will also be duplicated again on the 16th October 7pm at Sandbach town Hall</p> <p>Green Fayre</p> <p>Working together for a greener future</p> <p>Congleton Town Council and Congleton Partnership host an annual Green Fayre and Climate Festival. The 5th annual Green Fayre is due to be held on the 28th September 2024.</p> <p>The Climate Festival and Green Fayre is a chance to explore green issues and local solutions. Visit the Congleton Partnership website for the latest news as they organise the event:</p> <p>Congleton Climate Festival – Congleton Partnership</p> <p>Who takes part in Congleton’s Green Fayre?</p> <p>Around 30 stallholders take part on the day, a good mixture of local businesses, groups and organisations.</p> <p>There is no charge for a stall, but ask for commitment on the day to have volunteers at the stall from 10am -4pm. As the Green Fayre coincides with the Makers Market it is always a busy day. The Makers Market is on the Bridge Street area and the Green Fayre on the closed High Street and Town Hall.</p> <p>To date the following groups will be part of the Green Fayre 2024:</p> <p>Ansa Environmental Services, All Saints, Bare Health, Beartown Rickshaw, South Cheshire Beekeepers, Cheshire East Hospice, Congleton & District Conservation Volunteers, Congleton Climate Action Group, Congleton Green, Congleton Museum, Congleton Sustainable Travel, Dress2mydoor Ltd, Dane Moss Action Group, Fine Design Fired Up, Friends of Congleton Park, Hydro / Congleton Solar, JB Woodwork - nature artefacts in recycled wood, Old Saw Mill / Apple Press, Congleton Rotary, Siemens , TBT Electrics (Solar Panels), Trees for Congleton, Eco Schools, William Dean Trust, Tropic Skincare, Recycled Bags, Cheshire Wildlife Trust, THC Homes, Solar Together CEC</p>		

	Inside the Town Hall, there will be a bumper edition of Congleton's Repair Café and Cheshire Kids Clothes Swap. (Big Clothes Movement). Plus Facepainting and Book Swap.
Environmental	Reducing carbon is key to the Council's response to the Climate Emergency and its responsible Environmental Management approach.
Equality	The impact of Climate Change is predicted to affect the most vulnerable in society and those already living in poverty. The town council must show leadership in addressing climate change and decarbonising our assets and services where possible.
Financial	Driving down our carbon footprint will also have the benefit of reducing fuel and energy consumption which will in turn save the council money in the long term. However, in some cases investment in equipment and infrastructure may increase short-term costs and the balance of these two opposing trends must be carefully assessed.
Decision Requested	To receive updated Green Events within Congleton.

