

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

1st March 2024 Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Cllr: D Brown, R Chadwick, G Williams, H Seddon, H Pearce, R Brittain
Volunteers: P Pinto, B Edwards. M Gartside, S Conway,
Officers: R Burgess

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr S Mead

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

- David Brown- Cheshire East and Astbury Mere Trust
- 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, Astbury Mere Trust
- Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, Astbury Mere Trust
- Sue Conway – FoCP, FoCG
- Heather Seddon- CEC
- Russell Chadwick -CEC

3. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 22nd January 2024 – approved**

4. **Actions from previous meeting**

- a. Create a sub group for the RHS 60th Anniversary Event – The group have met once and final details confirmed to the group see agenda item 7.

5. **Hanging Baskets**

- a. This will now fall under the responsibility of the in bloom group to speak to the shops and promote the in bloom work and encourage further business to be involved, date set for 2.4.24

6. **IYN Entries reminder**

- a. A reminder to all involved with any of the IYN groups that entry forms need to be completed and sent to either Ruth or RHS North West In Bloom

7. **Calendar of Meeting Dates**

- a. Dates to be preset in the diary for 2024 in bloom meeting the meetings will be held alternative Fridays and Mondays at 9.30am-11am

8. **Update on RHS 60th Park Event**

- a. Date Confirmed for 7th July 2024 12pm-4pm
- b. Location Congleton Park
- c. Joint working with Congleton Lions, Friends of Congleton Park and Congleton in Bloom
- d. Variety of stall, refreshments live music and work shops from the IYN and community groups
- e. Free event for all the family

9. **AOB**

- a. **Rood Hill Planters**

A variety of plants and planters have been donated to the IN Bloom group from Green Gables Care home some of these will be re-sited at the section of Rood Hill behind the trip rail fence . A letter to be sent to residents near of the project and the supporting information of the land ownership

b. Pick Fit Scheme 2024

A scheme ran by ANSA environmental Services and Everybody Leisure encourage the public to go out and litter pick, with an everybody leisure incentive for a 1 day gym day pass – further information to be sent to all councillors and staff

c. National Garden Week w/c 29th April

to liaise with all IYN groups for a gardening session to welcome new volunteers

d. Staff carrying out RHS Duties

A vote to decide that the work by the two members of staff who are now RHS Judges for the North West Region is a great achievement and added bonus for Congleton In Bloom the group fully support the work they have done and will carrying on doing across the North West each year .