

Minutes – CONGLETON GREEN

21st March 2024 @ 1pm-2.30pm

Attendees: Councillors :Chair Heather P, Heather S, Suzy F, Kay W, A Martin,

Volunteers :

Officers, Ruth Burgess

Invited guest Speaker Jackie Kay

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence.

- Cllr G Williams and M Gartside (Volunteer)

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Heather Seddon, on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Approved minutes of the previous Green Working Group as a correct record (Feb 2024)

4. Action Log

See separate Appendix of Action Log

5. Green Marketing

Update received from Cllr K Wesley re future Town events and the new draft calendar which has been put together by the Green Marketing Group, Request for everyone to keep checking the website pages re Green Initiatives and report anything back to Kay for change and comment

6. Decarbonisation of council vehicles

We are still on the Companies waiting list for the Transit Tipper vehicles which are electric, we are aware that Cheshire East ANSA, are currently waiting for a new fleet when electric becomes available,

7. Increase composting in Congleton - Aiming to reduce the moving around of green waste e.g. trialling a dog waste composter- Action to Look into more of our open spaces or keys sites across Congleton to help residents with their Garden waste to see if its feasible or not.

8. The 6 Rs - how can the council embed these more in their operations and in the community?-

Cllr H Pearce discussed with the group the 6R's and what more can we do as group - looking at the climate impact of the catering and also sign up to 'Too good to go' or 'Olio'

- a. **The 6 Rs - how can the council encourage more uptake of these targets in the community?** -e.g. introducing 'Congleton Council's Climate Citizen Scheme' - HP contact Jackie Kay to ask if the CAG can help us with this, Civic Award for Sustainability , Introduce a Thursday 'take away unwanted items day'

9. **Further funding to drive the decarbonisation plans** e.g. Community Municipal Bonds – Action to be looked further into at the next meeting.

10. **Review FOE climate targets for councils**

https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-08/Climate_Action_Plan_for_councils_2023.pdf

Action for us all to look into the website link above, as it shows an example of Action Plans.

11. **Biodiversity**

The idea to set up a second Site Specific Open day launch, to discuss in more details at our next meeting Ruth Burgess Discussed how a lot of the site that Tree for Congleton Have now completed have been passed over and our Eco Streetscape Operative will be carrying on the good work at each site and carry on the biodiversity and improving of the areas.

12. **Carbon footprint update**

Action – to discuss at next meeting as time did not allow us to discuss,

13. **Water Quality**

Action – to discuss at next meeting as time did not allow us to discuss,

Appendix A

Date of Meeting	Item Number	Details of Action	By who	Latest Update	Progress
26.10.23	4.00	Chris Hilliard has offered a use of a Ecargo Bike (SF)	Cllr S Firkin & H Pearce	1.2.24 Loan for a trial bike Cllr Pearce to chase up	In Progress
26.10.23	6.00	Margaret Gartside has an action speak to all the local Parish Council how they can help and join in with tree planting and also help bring more land opportunities for planting, (SF) would like to help contact the PC if needed	Cllr S Firkin & Margaret Gartside	1.2.24 Mg has already contact many Parish councils that attach to our boundary Cllr Firkin to have follow up at their next PC meetings	In Progress
26.10.23	7.00	Carbon footprint methodology meeting - create a sub group and some ownership	Cllr S Firkin	Date - Update Details	In Progress
26.10.23	8.00	Green Fayre 2024 - HP to look in to the talks for next years	Cllr H Pearce	Date - Update Details	In Progress
1.2.24	9.00	Eco - Schools Ongoing action to be added, various liaison needed with the local primary and high schools by Cllr Firkin and Margaret Gartside.	Cllr S Firkin & Margaret Gartside	Date - Update Details	In Progress