

## Minutes – CONGLETON GREEN

1st August 2024 @ 1pm-2.30pm

**Attendees: Councillors:** Chair Heather P, Heather S, Suzy F, 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 K Wesley

### 2. Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr H Seddon matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

### 4. Action Log

See separate Appendix of Action Log

### 5. Green Marketing

Update received from Cathy Dean re Green Fayre planned for 28<sup>th</sup> September, bumper edition on the Repair Café and Big Clothes Movement in the Town Hall.

High Street is closed, we have space for 30 stalls – 23 reserved so far so if you know of any groups/services/businesses a few stalls are still up for grabs (no charge).

We have Bee people dressed up (similar) to hedge people last year.

Green Fayre Talks – HP to look at who we can invite on the following subjects ;

- Solar Together
- Climate Emergency UK – Score Cards
- Nature Frindle gardening
- Composting
- Solar and electric cars
- Installing air source pump systems
- The one project in Macclesfield
- Retrofitting
- Speakers – Barry Speed

Debbie Coxon ~ update on Marketing , lots of social media messages have been sent out each week, issued & shared a few posts on Plastic Free July.

Other posts we have focused on :

Love Parks Week activity

Stall at the Play Day

Promo of the Green fayre in Bear Neccs, Effective Directories and Cathy has done some posts

6. **Further funding to drive the decarbonisation plans** e.g. Community Municipal Bonds – Action to be looked further into at the next meeting. Cllr H Pearce to lead on grant funding for Green initiatives

## 7. **Biodiversity**

The next Biodiversity site launch – 31<sup>st</sup> October in Mossley, 10 am-1 pm focuses on Halloween activities as well as green initiatives. Groups to be invited :

- Hedgehog Group
- Bat Man
- Climate Action Group
- Wildlife Experts Mark and Jack
- Eco Crafts
- Congleton food 4 free VS
- Hillfields Groups
- Allotment Groups

Marketing the event to be done by DC – Posters, social media, notice boards chronicle, flyer to the schools, promotional material at the green fayre.

## 8. **Carbon footprint update**

7<sup>th</sup> September Air Quality Day – look into the possibility of having a stall in the Town Centre, and look to see if anything else is on during this time too. Focus on talking about air quality, understanding the effects on the environment and making more people aware. HP to look into a script for the day

Discussion around the CTC Green Tariff Energy.

## 9. **Carbon offsetting**

Community carbon offsetting report, need to work on a budget line for the next financial year,

Also, look into the new study on peatland patches which can be rejuvenated and what the barriers are that we may face. Working alongside Cheshire Wildlife Trust. SF to work on this project

## 10. **Water Quality**

Contact Groundwork regarding the training they provide on volunteer water testing in local communities, - RB to action

## 11. **Reports going to the Next Environment Committee**

- a. Water Quality
- b. Site Specific – Update on generating Friends groups
- c. Carbon Offsetting

### Next meeting dates

3.10.24 @ 4.15pm

6.12.24 @ 1pm

7.2.25 ' 4.15pm

3.4.25 @1pm

### Appendix A

Details of Action	By who	By When?	Latest Update	Progress
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	Suspended
New streetscape Carbon Footprint document	R Burgess		Date - Update Details	Complete
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
Ruth Burgess to send copy of wildlife leaflet a to the group	R Burgess	Next Meeting	resent with ammendments 7.2.24	Complete
Carbon footprint methodology meeting - create a sub group and some ownership	Cllr S Firkin		Date - Update Details	In Progress
Green Fayre 2024 - HP to look in to the talks for next years	Cllr H Pearce		Date - Update Details	In Progress
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

### New Actions from Meeting

1.8.24	5.00	Green Fayre2024 - speaker and presentations - Cllr HP to look into who can be invited to talk	Heather P		Date - Update Details	In Progress
1.8.24	6.00	grant funding opportunities	Heather P		Date - Update Details	In Progress

1.8.24	6.00	To go through site specific plan and add £ values to what is required at each site	Ruth B		Date - Update Details	In Progress
1.8.24	7.00	invite guest speaker to one of our future green meeting CEC officer James Baguley	Suzy F		Date - Update Details	In Progress
1.8.24	9.00	carbon offsetting - start looking into financial costs aswell as pros and ocns of peatland patch project working with CWT	Suzy F		Date - Update Details	In Progress
1.8.24	10.00	contact groundwork re their training on water quality	Ruth B		Date - Update Details	In Progress