

Minutes – CONGLETON GREEN

3rd October 2024 @ 1 pm-2.30 pm

Attendees: Councillors: Chair Cllr Heather P, Cllr Heather S, Cllr Suzy F, Cllr K Wesley, Cllr G Williams

Volunteers: J Kay

Officers: Ruth Burgess

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 A Martin and Volunteer M Gartside

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 (August 2024)

4. Action Log

See the Appendix of Action Log (attached below).

5. Recruiting volunteers for Trees 4 Congleton group and any Friends of

Discussion around promoting the work and dates of the different working parties, more needed on the website and organisations of the watts app group. Suggestion of email to go out each month the volunteers of forthcoming working party dates.

Update given to the group of the meeting held with Streetscape and the Trees 4 Congleton Group.

Action – HS to liaise with KW on supporting the Tree group on marketing and updating their website etc.

6. Meeting with James Baguley at CEC on Biodiversity

7. Biofuel for vehicles

Discussion around the possibilities of having biofuel for the Council vehicles.

Action RB to look into the closest stockist and the possibility of storage within Congleton.

8. **United Utilities have confirmed they will attend November Environment Committee –**

- what questions do we want to ask them? Action SF to sum up questions ready for 28.11.24 Environment Meeting

9. **Allotments**

Discussion around the shortage of allotments plots within the Congleton boundary for the residents of Congleton.

Action – RB to speak to DMcG regarding a letter to all local Parish Councils regarding the possibility of land within their parish to help support the shortage of allotments.

10. **Biodiversity – second Site Specific Open day launch – Mossley**

The next Biodiversity site launch – 31st 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, flyers to the schools, promotional material at the green fayre.

Action – RB to liaise with KW regarding the event

Next meeting dates:

6.12.24 @ 1 pm

7.2.25 @ 4.15 pm

3.4.25 @1pm

Appendix A

New and Current Actions from the Meeting

| Date of Meeting | Item Number | Details of Action | By who | By When? | Latest Update | 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 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 | 8.00 | Green Fayre 2024 - HP to look into 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 |
| 1.8.24 | 5.00 | Green Fayre2024 - speaker and presentations - Cllr HP to investigate 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 | 7.00 | invite guest speaker to one of our future green meeting CEC officer James Baguley | Suzy F | | update received at GWG meeting 4.10.24 from SF | In Progress |
| 1.8.24 | 9.00 | carbon offsetting - start looking into Financial costs as well as pros and cons 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 | | Great UK WaterBlitz in Spring 2025 submitted. | In Progress |
| 03.10.24 | 5.00 | HS to liaise with KW on supporting the Tree group on marketing and updating their website etc. to attract more volunteers and prmoting their work | Heather P and Kay W | | Date - Update Details | In Progress |
| 03.10.24 | 8.00 | what questions do we want to ask UU Action SF to sum up questions ready for 28.11.24 Environment Meeting | Suzy F | 28.11.24 | Date - Update Details | In Progress |
| 03.10.24 | 7.00 | Bio fuel - RB to look into closest stockist and possibility of storage within Congleton . | Ruth B | | Date - Update Details | In Progress |
| 03.10.24 | 10.00 | Mossley Liodiversity launch event - RB to liaise with KW regarding the event | Ruth B | | Date - Update Details | Not Started |

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| 03.10.24 | 9.00 | allotments - RB to speak to DMcG regarding a letter to all local Parish Councils regarding possibility of land within their parish to help support the shortage of allotments. | Ruth B | | Date - Update Details | Not Started |
| 03.10.24 | AOB | To look into dates for balsalm bashing within congleton and setting up a working party. Needs to be done before the seed drop. | Heather P | | Date - Update Details | Not Started |