

# Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Sustainable Development and Environment Group

Meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 @ AMVC at 3pm.

## Agenda:

1. **Apologies:** Peter Hirst, Jack Swann, Peter Ranson  
**Attendees:** Amanda Martin, Matt Axford, Peter Minshull, David Roffe, Mike Taylor and Peter Aston.
2. **Introductions:** Andrew Thompson was expected at the meeting, but was a no show so introductions weren't necessary! Peter Ranson is considering joining the group but couldn't make this meeting.
3. **Matters arising from last meeting:** Peter will table matters arising in the context of our discussions with Andrew who is attending this meeting and with reference to our discussions on the Draft Policy Framework(06/05/15); this was agenda'd to discuss with Andrew, so postponed.
4. **Matters arising from Stg Grp Mtg 130515, see below:** as item 3
5. **Agree actions on Draft Policy Framework:** as item 3
6. **Policies and Evidence:** as item 3
7. **AOB:** So, with Andrew's absence, the meeting worked on some great work that Matt and Jack had been doing which tackled the challenge of green spaces, ecology and wildlife and footpaths. They had developed maps from the current evidence to identify 5 areas to encompass these issues and show how different the challenges are across our NP area: uplands area to the east of the town; River Dane corridor; Canal corridor; Priestly Fields + Lamberts Lane area; Biddulph Valley Way area. The 5 areas approach was warmly received and Matt and Jack were thanked for the work Identifying these areas is not intended to ignore the open space areas shown on tabled map the intention is to identify any at risk open space areas by exception, and identify any additional open space areas missed off tabled map.  
**Actions:** **Peter M** will check if any open spaces on the map are under threat from existing planning applications. **Peter A** will table additional open spaces identified by other groups – we're aware of the Housing Group starting to identify some.  
**Matt** was asked if he and Jack would consider the key challenges and opportunities within each of the five areas.  
Where was Andrew? **Peter A** will follow up!  
**Matt** will circulate the maps used to evidence the 5 area logic and give us the links for meeting members to analyse for themselves.  
**Peter A** will raise the whole mapping issue at NP Steering Group meeting.  
**Matt** tabled an analysis of other NP's approach to food growing – not much!  
**Amanda** will circulate CE Green Belt designation paper.  
Priesty Fields might qualify as a Community Amenity area, **Amanda** is going check the criteria for the meeting to consider.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm at AMVC.