

Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Sustainable Development and Environment Group

Meeting: Tuesday 4th August 2015 @ AMVC at 3pm.

Agenda:

1. **Apologies:** Matt Axford, Jack Swann, Peter Ranson
Attendees: Amanda Martin, Peter Hirst, Peter Minshull, David Roffe, Mike Taylor and Peter Aston.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting:** Nothing.
3. **New housing numbers:** There was considerable discussion around the increase of 650 houses for Congleton. There was significant misgivings about this increase given CSG's initial position that 3500 houses was too many. It was agreed that Peter would write a letter detailing the groups concerns about the housing numbers; about a potential new officer at CE Jeremy Owens and comments made by other towns to Peter Minshull.
4. **Projects:**
 - a. **Town Wood:** a new project, suggest extension to current woods, new footpaths, northern extension to the woods, green corridor towards Jackson Road and allotments on the flat land above the woods between the woods and housing.
 - b. Lamberts Lane: propose to be designated as Local Green Space to support community growing on this valuable green space.
 - c. Vale Allotments to Lamberts Lane to be designated Local Green Space.
 - d. Allotments incorporated into each housing development at a 10% rate of built housing, test in next questionnaire.
 - e. Designate the identified 6 green spaces – Biddulph Valley Way, Uplands (subject of a separate residents meeting on 18th August) Dane Valley, Westlow Mere, Macclesfield Canal and Lamberts Lane as Local Green Space, recognising that the canal corridors are already recognised and protected.
5. **Local Green Space:** National Policy Guidance – Amanda to identify and circulate reference to everyone.
6. **Trees and Hedgerows:** Preserve the current trees and hedgerows within new developments at the very least and significantly increase within developments, test within questionnaire.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th September at 1pm at AMVC.