

Congleton Neighbourhood Plan – Sustainable Development and Environment Group

Meeting Friday 13th February 2015 @ AMVC.

Attendees: Amanda Martin, Matt Axford, Barry Fox, and Peter Aston (Chair and minutes).

Apologies: Peter Hirst, Peter Minshull, Jack Swann, Mike Taylor, Patti Pinto.

We discussed what objectives our group might use to guide the NP and produced the following draft:

- Sustainable housing adjacent to community facilities, shops, medical facilities etc.
- Community energy enabling developments:
 - PV on new properties
 - Solar farms
 - Hydro and wind if and where appropriate
- Link all new development with paths and cycleways connecting with town and sports facilities.
- Designate green spaces as community green space, identify natural environment and seek designation.
- Enable sustainable transport.
- Development should not increase the carbon footprint of the town, encourage reduced use of energy.
- Enabling local food growing – allotments with each housing development.
- Mechanism to establish green belt boundaries.

Next meeting: Monday 23rd February at 3pm at AMVC.