

CSGN Development Fund 2010 – Projects Awarded Funding – 5th November 2010

The following projects have been awarded funding from the CSGN Development Fund.

CSGN 001, 002, 003 & 004 The **Scottish Agricultural College** has been awarded **£15,920** to undertake targeted **Woodland Creation Promotion** with farmers in North Ayrshire, Glasgow & the Clyde Valley, Falkirk, the Lothian's and South Fife. An SAC advisor will provide free, tailored advice to farmers in these areas on woodland creation opportunities on their land through the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP).

CSGN 005 The **Central Scotland Forest Trust** has been awarded **£3,250** to undertake the **Bothwell Park Access Study** exploring access constraints and opportunities and making recommendations on improving access to this site, where the Trust, in partnership with Forestry Commission Scotland and North Lanarkshire Council, are planning to create a community woodland on derelict land.

CSGN 006 Scotland's Finest Woods Award has been awarded **£5,200** to support a special **CSGN Community Woodland Prize in 2010-11** that will recognise, reward and highlight excellence in CSGN community and urban woodland and social projects which engage people in creating, improving or using a local woodland environment.

CSGN 007 The **Central Scotland Forest Trust** has been awarded **£7,000** to support a project to improve the gateways and approaches to the **Breich Valley Villages** in West Lothian. The project will explore and identify opportunities for enhancement at 14 sites within the Breich Valley area, and then draw up detailed proposals for action at 4 of these sites. The project will identify sites that link fragmented habitats and enhance existing wildlife corridors through new planting or improved woodland management, as well as increased public access. The intention is that the projects will then be implemented by trainees from the Fauldhouse Future Jobs Fund Project, managed by West Lothian Council, giving them the opportunity to develop skills and practical experience on a range of woodland and environmental projects.

CSGN 008 The **Lothian and Fife Green Network Partnership** has been awarded **£32,288** to develop a **Pentland Hills Woodland Strategy** that will identify and specify practical actions on the ground to enhance the landscape quality of the wider area whilst providing social and recreational benefits for local people and visitors. Project partners include the Pentland Hills Regional Park Authority, City of Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils. Work will focus on identifying opportunities for woodland creation and management in 5 priority, core areas within the Pentlands and will consult with landowners and stakeholder groups to develop detailed designs and specifications for 10 woodland management, enhancement or creation projects.

CSGN 010 The **Woodland Trust Scotland** has been awarded **£42,539** to undertake a **Native Woodland Promotional Campaign** across the CSGN area. The campaign will involve communication with landowners in the CSGN area through printed media and a web campaign, as well as direct approaches to 150 landowners (with holdings of more than 50 hectares) across the CSGN area. The project will also see 38 community tree packs (2 in each of the 19 CSGN local authorities) provided free to community groups, as well as the production of a simple guide to woodland creation grant funding, targeted at smaller landowners.

CSGN 011 Glasgow City Council has been awarded **£50,000** to develop a **Riverside Management Plan** for the section of the River Clyde running south from Glasgow Green at Polmadie Bridge, to the Cunningar Loop. The development of the plan will result in a management framework and action plan to guide the future of this stretch of river, with the intention being to extend the study to cover the rest of the river within Glasgow City and South

Lanarkshire Council's boundaries in due course. The work will bring together all the current and proposed future plans for this stretch of the river as well as existing Masterplans for development and Glasgow-wide strategy plans to produce a costed and prioritised plan of action.

CSGN 012 East Dunbartonshire Council has been awarded **£19,950** to support a **Campsie Fells Feasibility Study** and the production of an Area Plan to guide future joint working in the area. Working in partnership with North Lanarkshire, Stirling and Falkirk Councils, as well as Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage the work will concentrate on the delivery of future economic development, tourism, greenspace and habitat network initiatives.

CSGN 013 South Ayrshire Council has been awarded **£25,000** to conduct a **Windfarm and Forest Path Networks Feasibility Study** exploring the interconnection of up to 12 wind farm projects to improve public accessibility via existing forest tracks and to augment this network where necessary with new path networks. The study aims to expand the network of off road walking and cycling networks within the area, leading to health, recreation and tourism benefits. The study will also lead to the future prioritisation of South Ayrshire Council capital funding to develop their core path network.

CSGN 014, 015 & 016 Scottish Woodlands has been awarded **£14,250** to undertake targeted promotion of **Native Woodland Creation** in North and East Ayrshire, and South Lanarkshire. Scottish Woodlands advisors will target landowners in woodland opportunity areas identified in the Ayrshire and Arran Woodland Strategy and the Central Scotland Forest Strategy to promote and explain the support available for native woodland creation under SRDP.

CSGN 017 The Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded **£23,050** to undertake an audit and woodland condition survey of the **Edinburgh Millennium Woodlands** and to recommend priorities for the implementation of the future management of the woodlands. Working with the City of Edinburgh Council the work will see 40 Millennium Woodlands on Council 'Services for Communities' Land and 30 Millennium Woodlands located within educational premises audited and proposals drawn up for future management and development of priority Millennium Woodlands sites across the city.

CSGN 018 The Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded **£4,234** to support a project to develop a **community forest garden at the North Edinburgh Art Centre (NEAC)** in Pilton, Edinburgh. The project will explore opportunities to create a 'forest garden', allotments, a play area and connect the new spaces with the rest of the community in Pilton.

CSGN 019 RSPB Scotland has been awarded **£15,000** to employ a project officer to undertake their **Inner Forth Futurescape Project**, which will result in the production of a strategy and delivery plan for landscape scale habitat restoration and management along the Inner Forth. The work will investigate in detail, and produce proposals for, habitat creation and management work on specific sites around the Inner Forth area. The study will explore a mix of habitats, including wetlands, native & riparian woodlands and farmland habitats (including hedgerows) and will build on the pilot work by RSPB at their Skinflats reserve near Grangemouth. *N.B. SNH, SEPA and RSPB Scotland have also committed funding to support this project.*

CSGN 020 Clackmannanshire Council has been awarded **£32,300** to support a **Green Infrastructure Mapping and Strategy Development** project that will result in a strategy and framework for decision making on future investment in a range of green network projects across the County. Working in partnership with the Clackmannanshire Alliance (the Community Planning Partnership for Clackmannanshire), Forestry Commission Scotland and Action for Change the work will involve the drawing together information from a variety of sources to produce a vision and action plan for the future management of, and investment in, the green network in Clackmannanshire. The work will also identify funding sources that can support delivery of one or more aspects of the plan.

CSGN 021 Clackmannanshire Council has been awarded **£25,250** to undertake the **Gartmorn Dam Green Hub** study that will investigate the most effective means of further developing Gartmorn Dam as a focus for active travel, environmental education, informal recreation and biodiversity in the County. Working in partnership with the Community Woodlands Association, Forestry Commission Scotland, Clackmannanshire Riders Access Group and private landowners the work will lead to the identification of future habitat management, woodland creation, recreational activity, volunteering and interpretation projects at the Dam and on surrounding land owned by the Council, FCS and private landowners.

CSGN 022 Glasgow City Council has been awarded **£20,000** to develop proposals and a management plan for sections of the River Clyde waterfront, including the **Clyde Walkway**.

CSGN 023 The Central Scotland Forest Trust has been awarded **£7,500** for the **International Children's Games 2011 Legacy Project** that will identify vacant and derelict land sites in North Lanarkshire suitable for woodland planting, to help the organising committee to realise their ambition to deliver a carbon neutral Games.

CSGN 024 The Glasgow & Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded **£40,000** to support the development of a Masterplan for delivery of the **Gartloch-Gartcosh Wetland Park**.

CSGN 025 CSFT has been awarded **£34,600** to undertake a study working with the 19 CSGN local authorities to identify opportunities and develop proposals for the use of woody biomass for heat and energy in Council buildings.

CSGN 026 South Lanarkshire Rural Development Trust has been awarded **£4,800** to undertake a feasibility study into the scope for woodland planting and management in the area to supply woodfuel for heat and energy.

CSGN 027 Carts Greenspace Trust has been awarded **£30,000** to investigate the feasibility of, and develop proposals for woodland management, access improvements (including mountain biking trails) and the conversion of a farm steading into a visitor centre at **Glennifer Braes Country Park** near Paisley.

CSGN028 CSFT has been awarded **£15,570** to develop a strategic vision and action plan for woodland creation and management in the **Clyde and Avon Valleys**, which in turn will enable the release of £2M of Heritage Lottery Funding.

CSGN 029 West Lothian Council has been awarded **£15,500** to investigate the feasibility of developing short rotation forestry on Council owned vacant and derelict land sites, and to manage Council owned woodlands, to supply biomass for heat and energy use in Council buildings.

CSGN 030 Forth Environment Link has been awarded **£21,060** to support the establishment of a **Forth Valley Orchard Group** and a number of events with local communities and volunteers to develop and manage orchards in the Forth Valley area. A seedcorn fund will also be made available to help groups across the CSGN area purchase and plant fruit trees.

CSGN 031 The Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens has been awarded **£18,802** to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Community Land Bank in Scotland that will support community groups and land owners identify land suitable for community growing projects.

CSGN 034 CSFT has been awarded **£9,000** to develop an integrated management plan for **Easter Inch Moss and Seafield Law Local Nature Reserve** in West Lothian, consulting with local communities.

CSGN 038 Edinburgh Cyrenians has been awarded **£39,743** to investigate opportunities and make proposals to NHS Lothian for the development of up to 6 new sites on their estate

for new community, health promoting greenspace projects. This will build on pilot work by Edinburgh Cyrenians at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

CSGN 039 Cassiltoun Trust has been awarded **£7,050** to draw up a 5-year action and management plan for **Castlemilk Park** in Glasgow. This will draw on the results of an earlier feasibility study into Park improvements.

CSGN 040 The Central Scotland Green Network Support Unit has been awarded **£25,000** to undertake baseline survey work on hospital and healthy facility grounds, community growing spaces, and school and educational grounds across the CSGN area to inform the development of future priorities and action.

CSGN 041 The Central Scotland Green Network Support Unit has been awarded **£35,500** for an IHN and Biodiversity project that will explore opportunities for the development of habitats around the implementation of the Clyde RBMP, develop (with SNH) best practice guides on implementation of Integrated Habitat Network modelling, and improve the co-ordination of LBAP activity across the 19 CSGN LAs.

CSGN 044 Ettrick and Dockhart Management Committee has been awarded **£5,000** to develop proposals for improved access links at Hallglen on the edge of Falkirk.

CSGN 045 Crispin Hayes has been awarded **£18,351** to digitally map the orchards of Central Scotland to inform the development of future proposals for new orchard planting and orchard maintenance.

CSGN 046 Stirling Council has been awarded **£45,000** to create masterplans for two key river corridors running through Stirling, and to develop detailed project proposals and project briefs for green network projects at a range of sites along the corridors.

CSGN 047 Stirling Council has been awarded **£30,000** to create a masterplan for a green arc around Stirling city, and to develop detailed project proposals and project briefs for green network projects at a range of sites within the arc.

CSGN 049 East Renfrewshire Council has been awarded **£17,500** to develop a management and implementation plan for taking forward the development of the Barrhead Town Centre Green Network.

CSGN 050 Scottish Orchards has been awarded **£9,000** to run a series of training and networking events for groups interested in developing orchards in the CSGN area, and to provide follow-up advice and support to groups with preparing detailed proposals.

CSGN 051 Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded **£15,000** to develop a communication project, targeting key decision makers with accessible material explaining how they can take forward implementation of the green network.

CSGN 052 Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded **£60,000** to draw up detailed action plans for delivery of green network enhancements at three key sites along the River Clyde waterfront.

CSGN 053 Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company has been awarded **£20,000** to produce a strategy and action plan for the development of the Irvine Bay Green Network, focusing particularly on the greening of derelict industrial sites and contaminated land to create and restore accessible greenspace and wildlife habitats.

CSGN 054 Scottish Wildlife Trust has been awarded **£5,000** to develop proposals for the implementation of a Living Landscape Project in Cumbernauld.

CSGN 056 West Dunbartonshire Council has been awarded **£18,000** to prepare a masterplan and action plan for green network improvements at the Vale of Leven Industrial Estate.

CSGN 057 The City of Edinburgh Council has been awarded **£18,050** to conduct a feasibility study into an integrated management plan for the River Almond Corridor, in particular to develop access along the full length of the river corridor, from Cramond upstream to West Lothian.

CSGN 058 Fife Coast and Countryside Trust has been awarded **£13,500** to support an evaluation and audit of 15 woodland sites in West Fife and the development of proposals for action and future management.

CSGN 059 East Ayrshire Woodlands has been awarded **£7,867.50** to develop a comprehensive restoration and management plan for a 12ha derelict site between Cumnock and Auckinleck.

CSGN 060 Pentland Hills Regional Park, working in partnership with Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian Councils, has been awarded **£13,000** to undertake a study identifying priority improvements to the connectivity of the path network in the Regional park with the surrounding path network. This project will identify a range of path and signage improvements between the PHRP & surrounding settlements to encourage people to travel to the Park by foot, bike, or horse. Specification will be provided for four routes together with recommendations for funding mechanisms.

CSGN 062 Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit has been awarded **£17,000** to develop a methodology for identifying land throughout the whole of Ayrshire suitable for woodland creation, taking into account environmental and cultural sensitivities. This will inform the forthcoming development of a new forestry and woodland strategy for Ayrshire.

CSGN 067 West Dunbartonshire Council has been awarded **£19,950** to undertake a study into the potential of the Kilpatrick Hills to contribute to the development of the green network and to identify a number of priority projects to be taken forward by the Council and its partners.

CSGN 068 East Lothian Council has been awarded **£4,000** as a contribution towards a feasibility study into the creation of a Countryside Volunteer Service. Currently, East Lothian Council enjoys the support of 825 volunteer days annually. The Council staff are unable to work with any more volunteers, yet they know that there is significantly higher potential. The feasibility study will look at good practice in other Council areas on the opportunities, processes and structures that would increase the support for volunteering. This is a stepping stone to a more integrative approach, and good practice will be identified which can be used elsewhere in the Central Scotland Green Network.

CSGN 069 Ayrshire Joint Planning Unit has been awarded **£23,000** to undertake a study into green network enhancement opportunities across Ayrshire and to prepare proposals for action that will inform the prioritisation of future work programmes by the Councils and their partners.

CSGN 070 Active Stirling has been awarded **£20,000** to undertake site investigation and prepare a masterplan/business case for the development of the Forthbank Loop in Stirling into a community forest, providing enhanced opportunities for recreation and health improvement to local residents.

CSGN 071 Buglife has been awarded **£16,311** to undertake the first phase of a project '**All of a Buzz**' to identify and evaluate the existing and potential ecological resource of Central Scotland, prior to planning for the protection, management, and enhancement of urban invertebrate populations. The project will assess circa 1,000 brownfield sites for their potential to qualify as the UKBAP habitat 'Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land'. An inventory will be produced detailing those sites that potentially qualify as a priority site.

CSGN 073 Sustrans has been awarded **£13,500** to prepare costed proposals for the future development and management of Parkhouse Cutting in Adrossan in North Ayrshire into a valued community greenspace.

CSGN 074 Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded **£26,548** to undertake a feasibility study into, and prepare site specific proposals for, the temporary or permanent greening of vacant, derelict or brownfield sites within the City of Edinburgh.

CSGN 076 West Lothian Council has been awarded **£36,025** for studies aimed at identifying potential Blue/Green Network projects. Four studies will be part of this project:

1. Muireston Water/Dedridge Burn Habitat Network Study
2. Livingston Greenways Study
3. Linlithgow Loch Blue Network Study
4. River Almond Alien Species Action Plan

The studies will examine the opportunities and constraints for habitat creation, improving access, community involvement, and species management in the specified areas and will result in prioritised, costed proposals ready for implementation.

CSGN 077 Fife Council has been awarded **£9,339** to prepare a tree report and tree and woodland management plan for Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline which will inform the future development and management of the Park.

CSGN078 Central Scotland Forest Trust has been awarded **£4,950** to produce an interim report identifying opportunities and constraints for tree planting and woodland management, greenspace and green infrastructure and access links in a discrete area between Broxburn and Winchburgh. The Trust will identify key landowners/ developers in the area, discuss their aspirations for their sites, conduct the site assessment and identify opportunities and constraints on the ground and produce a written report with sites and/or areas identified for environmental and access improvements.

CSGN 080 The David Livingstone Trust has been awarded **£9,000** to prepare a landscape masterplan for the grounds of the David Livingstone Centre in Blantyre, South Lanarkshire. The masterplan will guide the future development and management of the grounds, including enhanced links to local communities and adjacent SSSI woodlands along the Clyde Valley.

CSGN 081 Inverclyde Council has been awarded **£23,998** to undertake an ecological assessment and topographical survey, and to prepare a management and maintenance plan, for Coves Local Nature Reserve between Greenock and Gourock that will guide the future development and management of the reserve..

CSGN 084 The Wildlife Information Centre, a Lothian and Borders based organisation specialising in the management of biological records, has been awarded **£37,314** to survey 145 Local Biodiversity Sites in Edinburgh, West Lothian, East Lothian and Midlothian. Two surveyors will be employed to record the habitats and site boundaries of the chosen sites. This information will help the local authorities with creating and securing a suite of Local Biodiversity Sites.

CSGN 085 British Waterways Scotland has been awarded **£16,000** to carry out a range of surveys under the banner of **Health Impact of Canals**, to improve understanding of the health benefits generated through the canal network. This is particularly important in the central Scotland area where the canal winds its way through a number of areas with high levels of social deprivation. Specifically, the research will be used to support investment in a strategic network of high-quality routes for active travel and recreation throughout Central Scotland.

CSGN 087 Glasgow City Council has been awarded **£90,000** for a **Glasgow Community Growing project**. This project will develop 162 new growing opportunities, as against current supply of 1,320 plots in Glasgow and a waiting list of 756 people. It contributes to the CSGN

goal of an increase in the area of land for community growing spaces. Specific areas to be developed include:

- * Bellahouston Educational Walled Garden, Phase 2 - 5 plots
- * Mansewood Allotment Extension - 20 plots
- * Temple Growing Spaces - 25 plots
- * Wyndford Growing Space - 80 raised beds, 4 plots
- * Yoker New Allotments - 28 plots, including 5 for school children. This allotment delivers part of the Clyde Waterfront Green Network Strategy.

CSGN 091 The City of Edinburgh Council has been awarded **£45,000** to prepare a landscape masterplan and habitat management plan for the area covered by the West Edinburgh Planning Framework on behalf of the West Edinburgh Development Partnership, which will guide future development and management of the area by the City Council, BAA, the Royal Highland Centre and other private landowners.

CSGN 094 Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded a grant of **£4,875** for the production of an Action Plan for the T – Wood, a prominent landscape feature of the Pentland Hills Regional Park, as a potential quick win project as part of the ongoing Pentland Hills Woodland Feasibility study that is being led by the Lothians and Fife Green Network Partnership. The grant will cover review and analysis of available survey data, consultation with landowner and stakeholders and the development of a Woodland Action Plan.

CSGN 095 Fife Council has been awarded **£26,500** to prepare a masterplan for the development of the green network within the Leven Valley as part of the broader regeneration of the area. The masterplan will involve all of the landowners in the area and will inform future development proposals.

CSGN 098 Fife Council has been awarded £15,954 to survey their core paths and adjacent green corridors to prioritise need for: path works, signage, benches and habitat improvements. This project will employ contract surveyors to survey Fife Core Path Plan paths in the CSGN area. (906 km of 1645 km, ie 55% of the Fife Core Path Plan, lies in the CSGN area). The survey information will be used to produce specifications and costs for four core path development projects and produce a costed programme of signage & rest points works.

Total grant awarded = **£1,389,995.50**

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