

Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund 2011-12 – Details of Projects Awarded Funding, July 2011

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

CSGN206 – Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £24,725 to develop proposals for improvements to the linear habitats along 37km of cycleways throughout the city. The grant will also support early delivery of some priority improvement projects over the winter of 2011-12, including capital works and work carried out by community volunteers.

CSGN207 – Kelvin Valley Honey has been awarded £53,334.59 to support new habitat creation and the development of community growing (including on vacant and derelict land) in North Lanarkshire and East Dunbartonshire. The grant will enable the planting of 3,000 native flowering trees, 2,000 fruit trees and 2,000 local varieties of soft fruit bushes by volunteers, which will in turn support 36 new beekeeping enterprises by individuals, community groups and schools.

CSGN213 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £16,000 to create new community gardens and growing spaces on 4 'stalled' vacant sites at the High Street in the city centre, the Gorbals, Cathcart and Cranhill.

CSGN216 – East Lothian Council has been awarded £5,000 to resurface and reinforce the section of the John Muir Way running through Prestonpans to repair damage done during floods in 2010 and to protect the route from future flooding episodes.

CSGN219 – Carr-Gomm Scotland has been awarded £16,481 to deliver a new 1,200m² community growing space at Lochend Quadrant in Edinburgh and to provide training, advice and support for local people to grow their own fruit and vegetables on the previously unused space.

CSGN220 – Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £21,945 to develop proposals for a Landscape Partnership project for the North and South Esk River valleys in Midlothian. This will result in an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for project funding of up to £2 million.

CSGN223 – The David Livingstone Trust has been awarded £114,820 to prepare a Landscape Masterplan for the grounds of the David Livingstone Centre in Blantyre, South Lanarkshire. The plan will provide detailed designs for a new path network (linking in to the Clyde Walkway), new woodland planting and woodland management, and a new natural play area that will enable the Trust to deliver specific habitat and access improvements within the grounds, and to link with neighbouring woodlands and path networks.

CSGN226 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £40,500 to deliver improvements to the Clyde Walkway at London Road and Carmyle, which were identified as priority recommendations in the Clyde Walkway Improvement Project funded through the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11. These improvements will also enhance access to the new Commonwealth Games athletes' village.

CSGN230 – Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership has been awarded £27,800 to undertake detailed consultation with local communities and other stakeholders, and to develop funding applications, as the next stage of the development of proposals for a major new wetland park at Gartloch-Gartcosh on the border of Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire.

CSGN237 – Central Scotland Forest Trust has been awarded £45,000 to prepare a woodland framework for Clackmannanshire and the part of Stirling within the CSGN, that will identify opportunities for improved use and management of local woodlands and develop specific

proposals for future management of and investment in woodlands. This will include proposals for projects that deliver increased carbon capture, wood fuel production, training and skills improvement, biodiversity enhancements and community involvement/ownership of woodlands.

CSGN244 – Central Scotland Forest Trust has been awarded £24,750 to develop a new Greenspace GIS Database for North Lanarkshire Council, that will then be used to develop project proposals for new woodland creation and improved woodland management that, in turn, reduce maintenance costs, enhance habitat networks and capture more carbon.

CSGN246 – Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company has been awarded £70,000 to deliver habitat and access improvements at Ardeer Quarry and Irvine Beach Park as two priority projects in the Irvine Bay Green Network Strategy developed with CSGN Development Funding in 2010-11.

CSGN247 – Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £53,522 to undertake further development of detailed designs and proposals for the greening of vacant and/or derelict land at Granton, the Corn Exchange and Craigmillar, and to support early delivery of projects where possible. This leads directly on from a feasibility study and some preparatory work undertaken with support from the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11.

CSGN256 – Thornliebank Tenants and Residents Association has been awarded £29,675.56 to create new allotments for use by local residents and schools on a vacant site at Eastwood in East Renfrewshire.

CSGN257 – Eadha Enterprises has been awarded £36,890 to trial the growing of alder as a biomass crop on restored land at a former open cast coal site at Skares in East Ayrshire and to prepare a feasibility study into the development of a landscape scale woodland habitat creation project in the surrounding area.

CSGN258 – Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust has been awarded £15,000 to create a new community garden at the North Edinburgh Arts Centre in Pilton, Edinburgh. The new garden will include a community orchard and woodland, food growing area and children's play space.

CSGN261 – The Wise Group has been awarded £123,007 to deliver a new path network and improvements to woodlands around Lesmahagow in South Lanarkshire. The improvements will be delivered through an employability project that will provide temporary employment, training and skills development for 20 local, unemployed people, who will then receive support to move into sustainable employment.

CSGN262 – Fife Council has been awarded £18,400 to prepare detailed, costed proposals for the greening of a number of vacant and/or derelict sites in Fife. Fife Council will then seek funding for priority projects identified through the study.

CSGN263 – Edinburgh Cyrenians has been awarded £24,120 to create a new community garden within the grounds of the Midlothian Community Hospital in Bonnyrigg, Midlothian. The new garden will include raised beds for people with limited mobility, new paths, a community growing area and a small orchard.

CSGN265 – East Ayrshire Coalfield Environment Initiative has been awarded £12,562 to provide support for land managers in the Nith and Lugar Water catchments in East Ayrshire to deliver wetland habitat enhancements. The project will support landowners in the area to enhance biodiversity, tackle invasive species (such as mink) and tackle diffuse pollution from agriculture.

CSGN267 – West Dunbartonshire Council has been awarded £34,073 to deliver access and habitat improvements to the Clydeside Community Park, adjacent to the Golden Jubilee Hospital at Clydebank. The project will see the creation of new community woodland and

improvements to path networks to improve access to the Park that were identified in a design study funded through the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11.

CSGN270 – Lothian and Fife Green Network Partnership has been awarded £25,530 to prepare site specific proposals for woodland planting and management in the Pentland Hills Regional Park as part of the implementation of the Pentland Hills Woodland Action Plan. The preparation of the Woodland Action Plan was funded through the CSGN Development Fund in 2010-11.

CSGN273 – Midlothian Council has been awarded £5,889 to develop detailed proposals for a new long distance recreational route along the South Esk River. This will involve consultation with landowners along the proposed route and will also see improvements to signposting and waymarking along existing paths in the valley.

CSGN274 – Fife Council has been awarded £12,500 to green 2 vacant/derelict sites in Lochgelly. The project will see new community growing spaces and a wildflower meadow created on former wasteground in the heart of the town.

CSGN287 – The Communities Along the Carron Association has been awarded £40,000 as a contribution towards the costs of replacing a dangerous bridge across the River Carron, thereby reinstating the missing link in the local path network and improving access to the countryside for local people.

CSGN289 – Auchenlodment Primary School has been awarded £8,960 to create a new mini-fitness trail and outdoor teaching area in woodlands adjacent to the school in Johnston, Renfrewshire.

CSGN291 – Active Stirling has been awarded £6,000 to finalise plans and prepare applications for funding for the development of vacant/derelict land at Forthbank Loop, adjacent to the Stirling Sports Village, into an outdoor sports and recreation facility. This will include new woodland planting and the development of high specification paths across the site.

CSGN294 – Forth Environment Link has been awarded £84,190 to provide advice, training and support for community groups and landowners to manage existing and plant new orchards in Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire. Grant funding will also enable Forth Environment Link to run a 2nd round of the CSGN Orchard Grant Scheme for local groups wanting to create and manage orchards across the whole of the CSGN area.

CSGN302 – Glasgow City Council has been awarded £50,000 to pilot a baseline survey of trees and woodlands within the City. This will provide the necessary data to inform the future management, protection and enhancement of the city's trees and woodlands and to enable the choicest specimens to be identified and celebrated through the creation of a new city wide tree trail.

CSGN303 – East Renfrewshire Council has been awarded £43,000 to prepare detailed plans for the creation of community woodland and short rotation coppice on 2 derelict and contaminated sites in Barrhead, leading to the remediation and landscaping of almost 16 hectares of land.

CSGN305 – Inverclyde Council has been awarded £35,100 to prepare detailed, costed designs for 3 new strategic green links and 2 new neighbourhood parks in and around Greenock and Port Glasgow, as an integral part of the wider regeneration of the area.

Total Funding Awarded - £1,118,594