

## **CSGN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2018-19 – Projects Awarded Funded – April 2018**

The following projects have been awarded funding from the latest round of the CSGN Development Fund. This document outlines the total grant awarded to projects over the financial year 2018 to 2019. Further details are available on request from CSGNT.

### **EAST AYRSHIRE**

**Eadha Enterprises** has been awarded £7,000 to undertake a Coalfields to Wildwood project in East Ayrshire. This project will work with local groups, organisations and schools to create pioneer woodlands on reinstated opencast sites. This award funds preliminary research which will lead to 180 hectares of woodland being planted on vacant and derelict land and provide training and work experience for unemployed people and children resident in severely disadvantaged areas.

### **EDINBURGH**

**New Caledonian Woodlands Ltd** has been awarded £11,190 to continue to develop Fruitful Futures, a social enterprise involving local people in the management of Burdiehouse Community Woodland in Edinburgh. In addition to core woodland management activities that will increase woodland biodiversity and resilience whilst harvesting sustainable resources, it will generate a range of additional social and environmental outcomes of benefit for the communities surrounding the sites.

**Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust** has been awarded £15,000 to work with local partnership to undertake a feasibility study which will establish a strategic route which runs from the base of the Pentland Hills to Portobello on the coast in Edinburgh. The study will map the proposed route and determine the level of interconnectedness with surrounding active travel links in the area. It will also explore the social, economic and biodiversity benefits of the proposed route and undertake community and land owner engagement activities which will feed into the planning process.

### **GLASGOW**

**North Glasgow Community Food Initiative** has been awarded £12,099 to take forward an established community growing site located in Milton, in North Glasgow which is one of the most deprived areas of Scotland. The money will upgrade and expand community growing facilities - principally raised beds which have reached the end of their life cycle. The money will also be used for signage which will help communicate activities of the Initiative amongst the local community.

**The Concrete Garden** has been awarded £13,253 to help develop this well-established and highly valued community growing enterprise in the heart of one of Scotland's most deprived areas. Funds will be used to help redevelop its site and improve a learning, therapy and wildlife space. The funding will also cover staffing costs and a programme of seasonal workshops and cookery sessions.

**Springburn Winter Gardens Trust** has been awarded £62,357 to fund a project, which will deliver up to 1,500m of pathway improvements that will help local residents of a disadvantaged area of Glasgow access Springburn Park. In particular, the project will focus on students of Elmvale Primary school - providing them with training and helping them to navigate across two busy roads in order to access the local greenspace more effectively.

**Scottish Canals** has been awarded £45,596 towards a project that is part of the Glasgow Canal initiative. Creating the new Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve will transform a large underutilised site including areas of scheduled vacant and derelict land, unlocking the potential of the canal to create a vibrant neighbourhood. The work will include new path and boardwalk network, mountain bike trail, disabled access fishing pegs, re-designed gateway entrances and viewpoints, and will link local communities and to NCRs.

### **INVERCLYDE**

**Inverclydebuzz** has been awarded £18,197 for a project, which aims to improve and regenerate an area of the National Cycling Network through Inverclyde. It will deliver detailed plans to take forward a

feasibility study. Ultimately, the project seeks to create a portfolio of sites along the National Cycling Network 75 that will improve the overall user experience and biodiversity value of the route.

### **MIDLOTHIAN**

**Gorebridge Community Development Trust** has been awarded £10,560 to improve the landscape around a new multi-purpose community facility called The Beacon. The money will be used to create an edible garden and an associated community growing project with raised beds. Produce from these facilities will be harvested for local residents and used by the Beacon Cafe. A number of workshop sessions will also be run to help to transfer skills and knowledge to local volunteers and gardeners.

### **NORTH AYRSHIRE**

**North Ayrshire Council** has been awarded £80,000 for a project, which will help to regenerate Lochshore, a major brownfield site in Kilbirnie. The grant will fund site investigations regarding the removal of contaminants, consultation events, access works and the preparation of a planting strategy for a new community woodland.

### **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE**

**East Kilbride Community Trust** has been awarded £40,776 for a project which will deliver a study that assesses a range of interventions that will improve local biodiversity and generally improve East Kilbride's Woodlands. The award will also support the work of a ranger and a forestry intern who will undertake a variety of local arts and engagement projects across the area.

**Lesmahagow Development Trust** has been awarded £19,713 to upgrade a successful community growing site in Lesmahagow. The upgrade is a response to local demand for more growing space and the funded works will develop an area of over 800m<sup>2</sup> of land adjacent to the existing site. Access to the site will also be improved with new drainage, fencing and parking facilities.

### **STIRLING**

**The Conservation Volunteers** has been awarded £17,875 for a project that will see the creation of two new community growing sites in areas of Stirling experiencing multiple deprivation and disadvantage. It will also fund a programme of support, training and workshop sessions, which will ultimately deliver health improvements to volunteers and local residents.

### **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

**The Leamy Foundation** has been awarded £33,830 for a project, which will establish a social gardening network across Alexandria - an area suffering from multiple disadvantage in West Dunbartonshire. Through a series of workshops, the project aims to increase physical activity, reduce social isolation and increase local community resilience. The project will also create four micro allotments, upgrade two existing community spaces and turn a derelict piece of land in Bonhill into a community growing space.

### **WEST LOTHIAN**

**Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust** has been awarded £13,525 to carry out a feasibility study which will establish the principals of a proposed shale trail in West Lothian. This trail will highlight key heritage sites linked to the history of shale extraction and processing in the area including the Five Sisters Bing. The study will include key aspects of the proposed route such as path specifications, signage, mapping and outline a detailed delivery plan.

Total Number of Projects = 15

Total funding for all CSGN DF Projects in 2018-19 = £401,331

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