

### CSGN Forum 2014 – Urban Greening Workshop Notes

Groups (1-6)	What is already happening on urban greening?	What should the ambition for the CSGN be?	What should we be doing now? i.e., quick wins.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Internationally : Chicago – council offices policy ‘Green Roofs’</li> <li>- Toronto – ‘Green Roof’</li> <li>- Portland</li> <li>- Locally: Retro – Fit water treatment (WLC)</li> <li>- Conflict with G.Roofs &amp; PV</li> <li>- BREEAM – Green Roof</li> <li>- Resistance to change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grants – financial incentives</li> <li>- Policy</li> <li>- Understanding benefits</li> <li>- CSGN Strategy</li> <li>- Dedicated regional offices</li> <li>- Demonstration projects</li> <li>- 20% target, backed up by research – (5 streets)</li> <li>- Training maintenance</li> <li>- Stewardship – communities</li> <li>- Corporate social RES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brownfield sites – meantime use Commonwealth Games demonstration , blue/green network</li> <li>- CSGN &gt; EVERYONE!</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scottish Green Roof forum : 10,000 rain gardens project</li> <li>- Stalled spaces</li> <li>- GCVP: Guidance on integrating GI</li> <li>- EU Green infrastructure bid</li> <li>- Metropolitan Glasgow sustainable drainage partnership</li> <li>- City Tree projects: TM trees for London/NY etc.,</li> <li>- Rockefeller Foundation : Resilient Cities</li> <li>- Biophyllic Cities: Birmingham City Council</li> <li>- Strategic/Flood Risk Management Plans</li> <li>- Neighbourhoods</li> <li>- City woodlands (FCS) Helix</li> <li>- Big International projects: Koved Alignment etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ambition extends beyond CSGN responsibility</li> <li>- Promote &amp; encourage so it becomes “normal practice” (the new ‘norm’)</li> <li>- Communities should be empowered to ask for something better</li> <li>- Help people understand GI</li> <li>- Scale appropriate projects: budget/ambition</li> <li>- Deprived communities have accessible GI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greening of big vacant city centres sites (with community value) (CSGN to survey/engage &amp; provide examples)</li> <li>- Next development plans to provide exemplar projects</li> <li>- Map on CSGN website showing locations of exemplar projects</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ARUP – working on various GI retrofitting - Calderbank &amp; Cardowan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overcoming preconceptions</li> <li>- Map out different drivers for GI e.g., climate change, flooding, landscaping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Showing how mainstream GI and green roofs are – disseminate</li> <li>- Set up a prize to raise the profile e.g., best Scottish GI scheme</li> <li>- Give it a catchy badge/title</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scottish Green roof Forum</li> <li>- CSGN</li> <li>- Greenspace Scotland</li> <li>- Schools – Falkirk (green roof)</li> <li>- BREEAM – what impact does this have? What kind of incentive?</li> <li>- Pressure to remove street trees! (from public)</li> <li>- Need to raise awareness</li> <li>- Who’s leading it? Public sector</li> <li>- Street Tree policy – the effect of Dutch Elm disease? Ash dieback?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priorities, tie- in with –</li> <li>- Surface water management</li> <li>- Overflows</li> <li>- Pinch points</li> <li>- Climate change targets</li> <li>- Biodiversity targets</li> <li>- Addressing inequalities</li> <li>- Community greening of public space encouraging people to look after gardens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ID good practice &amp; publicise</li> <li>- Work with companies with spare funds</li> <li>- Take advantage of opportunities as they arise (just do it!)</li> <li>- Don’t necessarily wait for strategy</li> <li>- Education – architects, developers, planners, etc. (risk/benefit...‘take a chance!’)</li> <li>- Incentives to develop Brownfield sites</li> <li>- Encourage retrofitting</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual projects, reductions on maintenance</li> <li>- Birmingham Biophyllic Cities – Green Cumbernauld Living Landscape</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greener living/working areas</li> <li>- Reduce ££ for infrastructure</li> <li>- Reduce social inequality, costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Best practice examples</li> <li>- Planning at outset</li> <li>- Designs around existing green infrastructure</li> <li>- Policy consideration at strategic design planning</li> <li>- Developers, businesses, community involvement</li> <li>- Evidence of savings</li> <li>- Cost v benefit analysis</li> </ul>

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree – existing tree measurement + analysis</li> <li>- Living landscapes – research – no action in UK</li> <li>- Issues; lack of cohesion – different departments</li> <li>- Risk aversion – e.g. trees NR services</li> <li>- Commonwealth Games actions in Glasgow</li> <li>- Scottish Green Roof Forum</li> <li>- Agencies not engaged with urban greening; FCS, SMN etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incentives for urban greening – e.g. Holland</li> <li>- Planning policy; advice notes</li> <li>- Cohesion</li> <li>- Use of budgets</li> <li>- Accept risk for innovation</li> <li>- Stalled spaces – integrate into development plans</li> <li>- What should that green 30% be? Needs to be accessible, usable greenspace</li> <li>- Flood management – proper action &amp; consideration</li> <li>- Money! People/businesses pay for greening</li> </ul>	N/A
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### Key Workshop Outcomes

- a) Ambition for the CSGN – to promote examples of CSGN principles, encourage delivery by all, to make good quality urban greening “normal” practice rather than good practice. All new developments should have good GI as standard
- b) What’s happening now – need to see what and how things are done on the continent. They are way ahead of us, why? Are we more risk averse?!
- c) What should be happening now – surface water management plans, link in with priorities and pinch points in flow. Need to link in better with other agendas to make it all holistic and to capitalise on other funding/policy/support. E.g. health and well-being, community growing, biodiversity. Different agendas will have priority in different areas
- d) What’s happening now – Existing drivers are in place to help GI, but are not necessarily working (not implemented, or sometimes not the reason it is delivered). For example, retrofitting of GI could be a response to a request for traffic calming measures by a community.
- e) Ambition – research and info on the cost implications of NOT building in climate resilience now. Both financial, social and environmental – e.g. increases on poverty in high risk, disadvantaged areas as climate changes... Spend a little now to avoid spending a lot in the future
- f) Ambition – Demonstration projects (especially funded through DF). Compare GI to solar panels (use of buildings for one or the other will give most advantages). How do we demonstrate the benefits of GI to help engage and secure funding. What are the actual cost / energy savings e.g. Regional officers dedicated to GI liaison, advice etc.

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