



Central Scotland Green Network

Declaration



We acknowledge that

We must have places that are nationally and internationally competitive if we want our communities to thrive in the future.

Our environment makes a vital contribution to our economic wellbeing, our health and our quality of life.

We need to improve our environment so that it delivers all that it can for the people who live and work in Central Scotland.

Change at the scale proposed can only take place over a long period with sustained resourcing.



We welcome

The government's commitment to the CSGN as expressed through its inclusion as a National Development in Scotland's National Planning Framework.

The CSGN concept as set out in the CSGN Vision.

The opportunity the creation of the CSGN provides to deliver our economic, social and environmental aims.

The opportunity to develop and enhance our partnerships with other Local Authorities, National Agencies, NGOs and communities in delivering CSGN ambitions.



We commit from this date to

Adhere to the CSGN principles expressed in the CSGN Vision.

Embed the CSGN in all relevant policies, strategies and plans - most notably in Single Outcome Agreements, Community Plans and development plans.

Develop and enhance our partnership work to realise the CSGN and in particular sustainable economic development in East Ayrshire.

Assist the greening of key industrial/business sites and environs - both within and on the edge of existing communities, in particular where sites are to be redeveloped.

Support the restoration of open cast coal sites so that connections are made to surrounding green networks.

Help larger Greenfield housing sites connect to existing and planned footpaths and cycleways

Creating better linkages to the wider countryside in rural communities - within the Irvine Valley, New Cumnock etc.