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 local development plans.

Develop and enhance our partnership work to realise the CSGN.

Support the work of the GCV Green Network Partnership as a regional expression of the CSGN principles of partnership working.

Draw on lessons from the Spango Valley "Integrated Green Infrastructure Design Study" to encourage green network integration at the outset into masterplanning.

Emphasise the value of the Green Network concept to the regeneration agenda through promotion of the "Area Renewal and the Inverclyde Green Network" document, and the follow-on Case Studies Report.

Promote the Green Network as a vehicle to achieve multiple aims, notably for access, biodiversity and heritage, both natural and cultural. In the latter respect, the developing Inverclyde Heritage Trail can be seen as an example of good practice.

Inverclyde council