

# Cadder Woods – plans for the next three years

Green Action Trust was asked by Glasgow City Council to develop plans to carry out the management of Cadder Woods in the early part of 2022. Since then, we have worked with local partners at Lambhill Stables and the Health Improvement Team to really understand how people feel about Cadder Woods and what needs to be improved.

During our consultation over the summer, we collected over 150 responses and have now developed a three-stage plan for Cadder Woods that hopefully reflects those responses.

## Phase 1: A big clean up (Spring 2023)

*You told us you didn't like the rubbish, fly-tipping, dog mess and burnt-out cars.*

You scored Cadder Woods as 5 out of 10. We want to make a difference quickly, get Cadder Woods as close to a ten as possible, so the priority is to get rid of most of the visible rubbish before next Spring.



## Phase 2: Enjoying the Woods (2023-24)

*You told us you enjoy walking round the woods, dog walks, exercising and the wildlife.*

You want better paths, seating, improved entrances and play features. The school would like to have a place for outdoor learning.

We have a lot of work to do to get the funding for this, but in about a year's time we expect to be starting on major works that will:

- Improve the paths across and through the site giving people better access to nature and places along the canal – a key link to the canal would be surfaced with tarmac and have solar lights
- Work with Cadder Primary School to create a teaching area
- Provide natural play features for children to enjoy creative play
- Make the woodland more welcoming to people and a more social place to enjoy the outdoors
- Improve the entrances and waymark the path routes



## Phase 3: Letting Nature Thrive (2024-25)

*You told us you value Cadder Woods as a place to enjoy nature.*

This phase of work will focus on biodiversity and the longer-term health of the woods.

- Some of that will mean cutting down trees that are getting unstable or removing some species that are prone to disease.
- There might seem to be a lot of change to begin with, but trees will be replaced with species that are better for wildlife and foraging for food.
- Open areas can have wildflowers sown to create habitat for pollinators like bees



Woodland management will also give the chance to clear paths in the woods for other popular features like a discrete bike trail. This would also be a time to work with local people on interpretation features and artwork.



**Are we on the right track?**