

Terms of Reference for South East Nature Partnership (SENP) - September 2020



Hampshire and Isle of Wight LNP

Background

Four Local Nature Partnerships (LNPs) in the South East have begun working together to address the nature crisis more cohesively and across a wider footprint in order to ensure greater impact. For ease of communication this entity is to be known as South East Nature Partnership (SENP). DEFRA have been consulted and approve this step. Other LNPs in the region may be invited to join this wider group once a clear way of working has been established. This arrangement will allow more effective working with the group of Southern Local Economic Partnerships.

Aim

To actively restore nature across South East England to underpin a healthy community and a thriving economy.

Objectives

To join up strategically to influence key decision makers in the region, political, economic, and cultural

- To collaborate on our Nature Recovery Strategies maximising opportunities from our collective communities, geography, geology, and ecosystems
- To identify sufficient resources to support the work of LNPs in the region
- To establish a joint approach to communications delivering consistent, impactful messages highlighting the opportunities for nature-based solutions to the climate crisis
- To ensure economies of effort by collaborating on pieces of work which can be best done collectively

Working Practices

Each LNP to retain its own governance arrangements and to consult its own board on any major proposals from the SENP. Sharing of resources and information encouraged. Joint letters have already been sent to MPs, LEPs and this is likely to continue.

- Regular meetings of the wider SENP group (bi-monthly)
- Regular meetings of the chairs of each LNP (initial phase monthly)
- Rotation of chair for above meetings
- Secretariat for wider group: Kent Nature Partnership

Review of effectiveness: Regular (6 monthly) review looking at what has been achieved by joint working, how it could be improved and whether the body needs to continue, expand, contract, or disband. Comparison with other groups of LNPs across the country is encouraged, as is informal learning and inviting honest feedback.