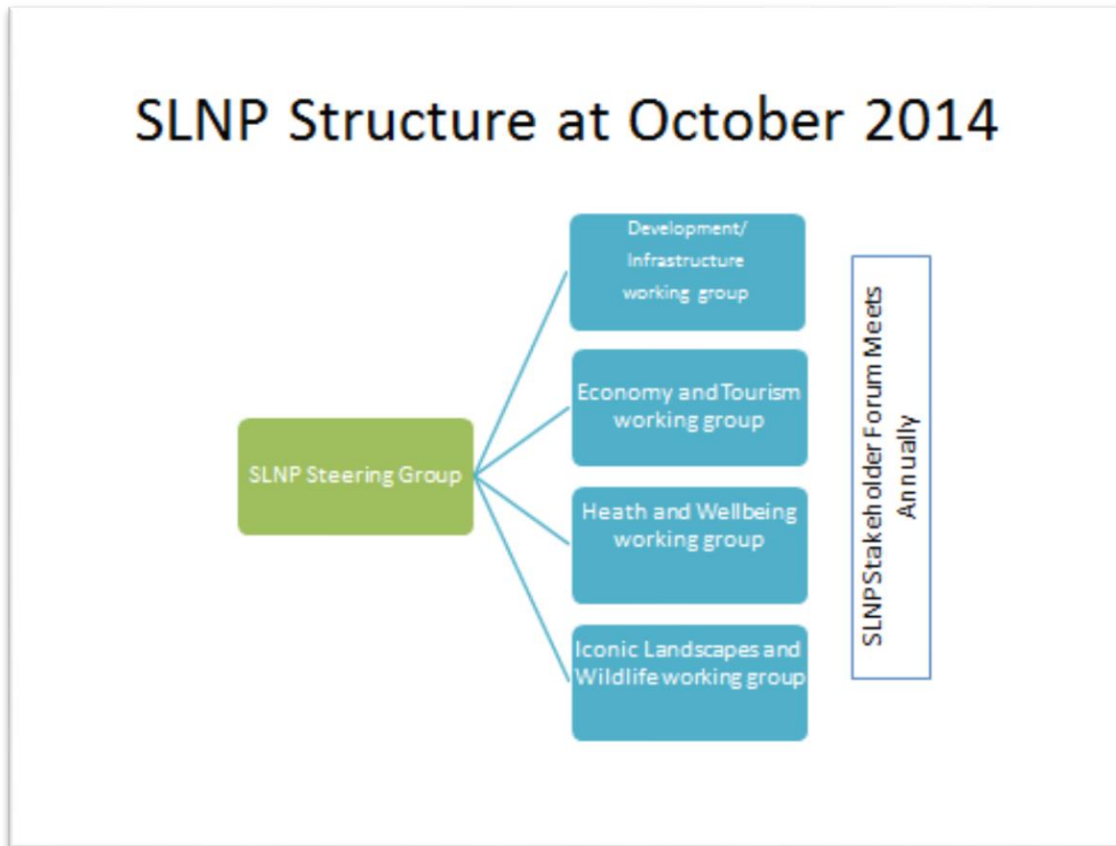


Somerset Local Nature Partnership

Operational Arrangements: October 2014



At present the SLNP is governed by a Steering Group.

Steering Group

The role of the Steering Group is to determine the strategic direction of the SLNP, to be representative of the wider stakeholders and convene working groups to deliver the SLNP priority programme work areas.

The Steering Group members are currently¹:

Will Barnard:	Grass Roots Food Ltd
Michele Bowe:	Somerset Wildlife Trust
Steve Dury:	Somerset County Council
Chris Edwards:	Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Louise Finnis:	Somerset Public Health
Katherine Armstrong:	Community Council for Somerset
Nigel Hester:	National Trust
Sarah Jackson:	Mendip Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Mark Jones:	Natural England
Simon Nash:	SWT (Chairman)

¹ At 10/10/14



Mark Robins: RSPB

The Steering Group meets every two months.

Working Groups

Four initial working groups have been identified and the leads are currently drafting terms of reference, setting out for each their purpose and proposed representation:

- Development and Infrastructure: Lead by Steve Dury and Mark Jones
- Health and Well Being: Lead by Louise Finnis and Katherine Armstrong
- Economy and Tourism: Lead by Mark Robins and Simon Nash
- Iconic Landscapes and Wildlife: Lead by Michele Bowe and Sarah Jackson

Working groups will report to the Steering Group.

SLNP stakeholder forum

The wider partnership of the SLNP includes all organisations and individuals that have an influence or impact on the environment and wish to be engaged with the SLNP work. The Stakeholder Forum brings together these organisations to invite them to contribute to SLNP's work and to help ensure positive impacts for the environment are being successfully delivered. The Forum will meet annually and will be open to all organisations and individuals that have provided their details to be kept informed of SLNP's work. The first meeting of the Forum will be scheduled in the first quarter of 2015.

Future developments

In 2015 consideration will be given to establishing a Board which will focus on "informing", "influencing" and "advising" at a strategic level on matters relating to the environment and public policy.

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