

CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIPS IN LONDON (CPiL)

Terms of Reference

1. Introduction:

The purpose of the Catchment Partnerships in London Group is to support the work of Catchment Partnerships operating wholly or partly within the Greater London boundary, to share lessons and experiences and help achieve a coordinated approach to delivering Water Framework Directive Objectives.

The fundamental essence of the Catchment Planning process is that it is local and 'grassroots up' and CPiL is not a Steering Group for the Partnerships; instead supporting and facilitating shared action, decision making and communication for the Catchment-based Approach in London.

2. Objectives:

- Enable Partnerships to learn and benefit from practical experience being developed in neighbouring catchment areas encountering similar issues in work towards delivering Catchment Plans.
- Enable the identification of challenges and obstacles in common and facilitate shared working towards solutions.
- Facilitate a co-ordinated approach to tackling and making progress on issues in localities across London. Examples include approaches to: tackle invasive non-native species; reed-bed creation and management; tackling diffuse urban pollution.
- Increase access to London-wide, national or international funds for local delivery within operational catchments.
- Achieve a more powerful combined voice to champion water quality and river catchment issues in London than could be achieved by partnerships acting alone.
- Provide a London-wide point of contact for organisations and wider initiatives to facilitate communication and action.
- Promote and encourage use of the London Rivers Action Plan to promote and report on delivery of river restoration and enhancement projects. Make available information on projects and plans in localities throughout London.

3. Methods:

These objectives will be achieved through actions including:-

- Sharing local experiences with others in the Group; exchanging information on challenges that are encountered as well as successes

- Discussing existing and potential solutions
- Organising practical workshops to help meet specific needs
- Undertaking site visits to catchment projects on the ground
- Agreeing and delivering joint plans and actions
- Agreeing and sharing messages and communications and where appropriate disseminating these in line with catchment communication plans
- Forming a London River Restoration Sub Group
- Meeting quarterly and reviewing membership annually

Participating Partnerships:

- The Brent Catchment Partnership
- River Colne Catchment Action Network
- The Crane Valley Partnership
- Cray & Darent Catchment Improvement Group
- Hogsmill & Beverley Brook Catchment
- Ravensbourne Catchment Improvement Group
- Roding Beam & Ingrebourne Catchment Partnership
- Thamesmead & Marsh Dykes Catchment Group
- The London Lee Catchment Partnership
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- The Lower Thames (Maidenhead to Teddington) Catchment Partnership
- River Wandle Community Catchment Plan
- Your Tidal Thames Catchment Partnership

Participating Organisations:

- Environment Agency
- Greater London Authority
- Groundwork
- London Wildlife Trust
- NW Kent Countryside Partnership
- The Rivers Trust
- South East Rivers Trust
- Thames21
- Thames Chase
- Thames Estuary Partnership
- Thames Landscape Strategy
- Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea
- The Wandle Trust
- Zoological Society of London