

History

In late 2011 The Cheshire region Biodiversity Partnership (CrBP) and the Cheshire Green Infrastructure (GI) Forum submitted an application for capacity building funding to aid the formation of the Cheshire region Local Nature Partnership. This was successful and since then a series of discussions including four multi-sector workshops and a strategic stakeholder workshop provided opportunity for partners to engage in forming an LNP.

During the transition period (October 2011 to Spring 2012) a Transition Focus Group took forward a consultation process to develop and identify:

- a 'fit for purpose' Local Nature Partnership proposal
- an integrated vision for the local environment
- a vision for Nature Improvement Areas
- a clear mandate for cross-border working
- future funding streams and ways of working

The group had an open membership policy allowing membership to expand or contract and representatives to change as appropriate. The tight timescale saw the group meet every four to six weeks over four months to ensure all the outcomes were achieved. Nearly 200 people from over 88 organisations across the environment, social, health and economic sectors have shown support for a Cheshire region Local Nature Partnership.