

# SEFS Work Programme

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# SEFS Objective 1 - 2011

- **To increase policy influence by establishing stronger links with other relevant organisations and networks**

**(e.g. RAISE, Climate SE, SE England Biodiversity Forum (SEEBF), SE Protected Landscapes (SE PL) and SE Green Infrastructure (SE GI))**

# **SEFS Objective 1 - Actions**

- **Promote membership through SEFS activities**
- **Strengthen links with RAISE, Climate SE, SEEBF, SE PL, SE GI and other appropriate groups**
- **Maintain website and information flow to membership**

# **SEFS Objective 1 - Outcomes**

- **Broaden membership**
- **Clearly understood relationship with “partners”**
- **Cohesive environmental network in the South East**
- **Foundations laid for a new sub-national organisation to influence strategic policies arising from future ‘larger than local’ agendas**
- **Increased awareness and activity amongst members of issues affecting the South East and relevant strategies and consultations**

# **SEFS Objective 2 - 2011**

- **To co-ordinate SEFS input to key policy areas via sub-groups including transport, planning, and water by building relationship with relevant sub-national bodies.**
- **To ensure environmental sustainability policies and actions are embedded at a strategic level**

# SEFS Objective 2 - Actions

- **Build contacts with strategic bodies relevant to the South East e.g. South East Strategic Leaders (SESL), South East Strategic Chief Executives (SESCE), South East England Councils (SEEC) and relevant Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs), Rural Forum**
- **Reconfigure the SEFS Water Group to cover both SE and Thames River Basins**
- **Water Group continue to input eNGO stakeholder views into strategic discussions**
- **Maintain the SEFS Transport Group**

# **SEFS Objective 2 – Outcomes (1)**

- **SEFS recognised by strategic organisations**
- **Clear objectives and outcomes from each partner relationship**
- **Wider engagement of SEFS network with LEPS**
- **A representative SE Water Group established**
- **A wide membership of all NGOs interested in WFD issues**
- **Water Group represents both SE and Thames RBDs**
- **Meetings a week before the Liaison Panel meeting**

# SEFS Objective 2 – Outcomes (2)

- Circulation of relevant information to, and input from, the eNGO network and views submitted to the EA
- Close links maintained with the EA's lead officers on WFD.
- Water Group assists in implementation of the first phase of the SE River Basin Management Plan and support preparation of the next phase.
- Transport Group meeting regularly (actual and virtual) and informing wider membership of transport related issues
- Where feasible respond to consultations on 'more than local' transport issues.

# **SEFS Objective 3 - 2011**

- **To establish a firm financial basis for SEFS to service and develop its membership and to achieve its objectives**

# **SEFS Objective 3 - Actions**

- **At least maintain SEFS membership and encourage higher levels of donations**
- **Agree, and implement a successful fundraising programme**

# **SEFS Objective 3 - Outcomes**

- **Membership numbers maintained at 41 member organisations**
- **Funding secured for 2012/13 and beyond**

# SEFS Objectives - Progress

- Objective 1 - P&EC has co-opted Climate South East and SE Protected Landscapes on to P&EC
- Objective 1 – SEFS Chair has met with Chair of RAISE and will discuss closer links
- Objective 1 – SEFS has instigated a group looking at collaboration across different organisations which includes: SEEBF, Climate SE, SE Protected Landscapes, SE Green Infrastructure Partnership and to which RAISE has been invited
- Objective 1 - SEFS Coordinator would welcome feedback on information flows - P&EC members get regular updates of newsworthy snippets, would Members want these or would they like them added to the website?

# SEFS Objectives - Progress

- **Objective 2 – SEFS Chair attended a meeting of the SE Strategic Leaders Planning Group,**
- **Objective 2 – SEFS has written to all LEPs in the areas affecting the SE of England**
- **Objective 2 – SEFS has set up a joint meeting of eNGOs involved with the Water Framework Directive work (taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> July)**
- **Objective 2 – SEFS is in the progress of organising a Planning Group meeting to discuss the implications of the Natural Environment White Paper, the Localism Bill and the SEA of the revocation of the SE Plan (due for consultation in the Summer)**
- **Objective 2 -The SEFS Core Transport group continues to meet and is focussing on HS2 and looking at LTP3s across the SE**

# SEFS Objectives - Progress

- **Objective 3 – SEFS membership is on track to be maintained at around 41 organisations and some members have generously donated additional money this financial year.**
- **Objective 3 – SEFS Management group is exploring funding opportunities for 2012/13. Without a serious funding option by December 2011 SEFS will be in the position of having to wind up its operation**

