

The TLS Structure, Vision & Objectives

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How we are Managed

The TLS provides a link between the riparian authorities and the diverse group of communities and stakeholders that have an interest in the river corridor between Weybridge, Hampton and Kew. To achieve this aim the TLS is informed by the Thames Landscape Strategy Review 2012 that acts as a guidebook to manage change and is co-ordinated by a multi-partner structure.

Executive Review Board

'The partnership board'. Meets four times a year to provide strategic guidance. The board is made up from Local Councilors, landowners and business interests. The community is represented on the Group. Chairmanship rotates every two years.

Officers Steering Committee

Meets four times a year to assist and guide the Co-ordinator. The OSC consists of senior Local Authority officers and representatives from the National Agencies. Officers work in partnership with the TLS Co-ordinator to develop projects and strategic policy.

Thames Landscape Strategy Staff

The TLS employs two full time staff – a Co-ordinator and a Project Development Officer. Their role is to fundraise, develop and promote projects, co-ordinate and encourage the local authorities, statutory organisations, landowners and the local community to turn the Strategy into action. Temporary members of staff are employed on a project by project basis and the Strategy has many regular volunteers.

Community Advisory Group

Meeting four times a year, the Group acts as a community forum and enables the Co-ordinator to have access to local and specialist advice. A rolling programme to encourage new membership commenced in 1998. The CAG provides a bottom up, community led approach to environmental management that has underpinned the TLS since inception.

Thames Landscape Strategy Friends of the Thames Group

The TLS has an active friends group made up of the many individuals and groups that have an interest in the Thames. The Friends meet once a year at the Annual Meeting.

Action Arcadia CIC

The TLS Community Advisory Group has established a social enterprise to action projects to implement the Thames Landscape Strategy on the ground. The CIC represents the delivery arm of the Thames Landscape Strategy and works closely with the Co-ordinator and the Father Thames Trust.

Volunteers

A team of volunteers has been established covering the areas of foreshore and Thames Path tidy groups, conservation work, project management, events organisation, nature conservation and fundraising. **Over 280,000 volunteer hours have been clocked up over the past 14 years**

Father Thames Trust

The Father Thames Trust is an independent charity that acts as the charitable arm of the Thames Landscape Strategy. Chairman of the Trust is the Lord Watson of Richmond. The FTT receives donations and legacies that are used to forward the aims and delivery of the Thames Landscape Strategy.

South West London Environment Network (SWLEN)

The TLS is the founding partner in SWLEN that brings together the community, voluntary sector and schools working on environmental projects.

TLS Vision

The partnership of the Thames Landscape Strategy has a shared vision to *'Conserve, promote and enhance one of the world's great river landscapes between Hampton and Kew'*

TLS Objectives

- To bring together a partnership of organisations, individuals and community groups that have an interest in the Thames in order to provide strategic guidance for the Thames corridor between Weybridge, Hampton and Kew
- To implement the policies, projects and management proposals set out in the TLS and to develop new initiatives and opportunities within the remit of the Strategy through strategic and local initiatives, projects and other partner initiatives
- To protect and enhance the natural and man-made landscape of the area
- To protect and improve sites of nature conservation value and create new opportunities for biodiversity and flood risk management
- To protect and enhance historic buildings, historic parks and gardens, landscapes and ancient monuments.
- To encourage and maintain a high level of community commitment to the TLS vision and encourage community involvement and action
- To facilitate the creation of partnerships between the public, private and voluntary sectors.
- To raise awareness of the Thames Landscape Strategy, increase educational opportunities and promote understanding of the Thames environment
- To raise awareness of the Arcadian Thames between Hampton and Kew and improve and manage the tourism potential and economic well-being of the area
- To stimulate, where appropriate, and manage formal and informal recreation associated with the Thames.
- To secure and raise funding to enable the Thames Landscape Strategy to be implemented.