

Minutes of Sussex Area Service Committee
Wednesday, 17th June 2026, 7.00-9.00pm
at Hove Park School

Our website: <https://sussexna.org/>

Meeting chaired by: Ash (Chair, Sussex ASC)

Meeting minutes taken by: Ginni (Minutes Secretary - Sussex ASC)

Chair welcomed all attendees

Chair asked attendees to introduce themselves

Attendees:

- Ash (Chair, Sussex ASC)
- Ginni (Vice Minutes Secretary, Sussex ASC)
- Nikki (GSR, Thurs Portslade)
- Gemma (GSR, Thurs Chichester)
- Peter (GSR, Mon New Beginnings Worthing) and representing Littlehampton
- Ben (GSR, Sat Haywards Heath)
- Dean (GSR, Sun Early Risers)
- Leanne (GSR, Weds Brighton Women's)
- Pete (GSR, Thurs Lewes)
- Dan (GSR, Mon Chichester)
- Alex (attendee)
- Aaron (GSR, Fri Bognor)
- Theresa (GSR, Thurs Worthing Women's)
- Jade (GSR, Sun Bognor Women's)
- Kevin (GSR, Tues Crawley Living Clean)
- Connor (GSR, Fri Crawley)
- Chloe (GSR, Weds Haywards Heath)
- Tom (covering for GSR, Mon Crawley and Sun Arundel for literature)
- Adam (GSR, Tues GBLT+)
- Joss (GSR, Tues Spiritual Principles Worthing)
- Janna (GSR, Mon Hove)
- Steve L (Chair, SANAC Committee)
- Alex (GSR, Sun Hove)
- Andy (GSR Sat Brighton)
- Sel (GSR, Weds Worthing)
- Phil (GSR, Thurs Shoreham)
- Ben G (Treasurer, Sussex ASC)
- Penny (GSR, Mon Shoreham)
- Sarah (Literature, Sussex ASC)

Attendees online:

- Oscar (GSR, Sat Hastings)
- Emma Jane (GSR, Tues & Sat Eastbourne)
- Michelle (GSR, Sun Arundel)
- Peter (GSR, Mon Hastings)
- Louise (Vice Chair, Sussex ASC)
- Jill (Chair, LSC)
- Nicky (GSR, Thurs Worthing Women's)
- Laura (GSR, Thurs Horsham) - joined at end of GSR reports

Apologies received:

- Paul (GSR, Tues Neurodiversity)
- Lucy
- Babs (Chair, SOAC)
- Lexi (GSR, Mon Lewes)

GSR count

23 voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) present - meeting quorate.

Ratifications

Ginni was ratified as Minutes Secretary for Sussex ASC

Alex was ratified as Tea Person for Sussex ASC

Positions vacant at Sussex ASC

Vice Treasurer (3 years clean time)

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of ASC on 20th May 2026 were ratified.

Old business

None

Treasurer's opening balance

Ben (Treasurer, Sussex ASC) reported opening balance of £7764.74 (of this £3758 is ring-fenced for SANAC, and ASC prudent reserve is £3500)

Links for helpful literature:

Resources & Service Materials: <https://fd.ukna.org/content/fd-resources-service-materials>

The Group Booklet: <https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Group-Booklet-English.pdf>

GSR Basics: <https://na.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GSR-Basics-English.pdf>

GSR reports

Monday

Shoreham Women's

Going well, all welcome

£30 contribution, also buying literature

Phoenix (all days) - No report

Chichester

Fully self-supporting, full committee

Well rounded meeting, lots of newcomers

£30 contribution, £100 literature

Hastings Living Clean

Going well, mix of clean time

Full committee, fully self-supporting

No contribution

Would like ASC advice on having a meeting bank account (discussion deferred to part 2 of ASC meeting)

Worthing New Beginnings

Going well

£30 contribution

Vacancies: male greeter

Brighton St Nicholas - no report

Crawley

Full committee, good attendance

No contribution

Hove JFT - no report

Lewes

Fully self-supporting, no contribution

Going well, lots of newcomers

Vacancies: greeter (will also need literature and treasurer soon)

Tuesday

Crawley

Well attended, going well, mixed clean time, full committee

£7.25 contribution and £31 for literature

Shoreham JFT - no report

Dorset Gardens LGBTQ

Going well

£60 contribution

NA neurodiversity

Apologies from Paul (GSR), report sent online

Well attended, approx 30-35 people online each week

A few newcomers, well supported by the group

Committee roles being fulfilled

No contribution or literature this month

Eastbourne Tues

Fully self-supporting, no contribution

Landlord has informed them that rent is being doubled!

Vacancies: Vice Treasurer

Worthing Spiritual Principles

Fully self-supporting, full committee

£50 contribution plus literature

Brighton Recovery Hub - no report

Wednesday

Brighthelm physical and online - no reports

Brighton Women's (Leanne covering)

Doing ok but more addicts welcome

£25 contribution plus literature

Vacancies: Treasurer, Tea Person

Living Clean Men's

Small meeting, mixed clean time

Fully self-supporting

No contribution

Vacancies: GSR

Lewes - no report

Sussex Area Online - no report

Haywards Heath

Revamped meeting doing great! Now a meditation meeting
£87.82 on literature, no contribution

Worthing Everything Recovery

Meeting quiet at the moment, happens seasonally
Just about self-supporting, no contribution or literature

Vacancies: Female greeter, Literature

Thursday

Shoreham

Fully self-supporting
£20 contribution

Vacancies: GSR

Portslade

Full strong committee, fully self-supporting
Lots of newcomers
£50 contribution plus literature

Vacancies: female greeter

Lewes Keep it Simple

Full committee except female greeter
£30 contribution

Vacancies: female greeter

Horsham

Going well, full committee
Mix of clean time and genders. Good meeting for women.
Building a prudent reserve, no contribution

Hastings - no report

Chichester

£20 contribution made online, spending £100 on literature
Unity Day of both meetings raised £100 contribution donated directly to SANAC.

Worthing Women's

Doing OK.
No contribution but buying literature

Vacancies: Greeter

Friday

Hove 'Time to Breathe'

Vacancies: GSR

Brighton Spiritual Principles - no report

Queer Connection - no report

Worthing Friday Feelings

Full committee, fully self-supporting

Wide range of clean time

Lighthouse attend

£50 contribution, £32 literature

Bexhill Friday Freedom - no report

Bognor Regis

Full committee

Attendance 15-25, ESH shares

No contribution as have to move venue. Have viewed a venue, hope this will go forward.

£37.50 literature

Newhaven Living Clean - no report

Crawley

Well attended

No contribution, £40 literature

Vacancies: 2x co-secretaries

Saturday

Brighton Brigh'n Shiny

Quiet meeting but fully self-supporting

Full committee

No contribution or literature

Hastings JFT

Fully self-supporting, going well

Moving to new premises

No contribution

Littlehampton (Peter covering for Rob)

Attendance up and down, fully self-supporting
£15 contribution

Vacancies: Male greeter

Hanover - no report

Haywards Heath

Mix of ESH and readings for shares
£50 contribution

Vacancies: Tea person

Eastbourne

Well attended, full committee, fully self-supporting
No contribution or literature
Rent doubling from £9 to £18 per week.

Lewes One Promise - no report

Sunday

Bognor Women's

Mixed clean time, lots of newcomers
Seeking new venue
Fully self-supporting
No contribution but buying literature

Early Risers

Meeting going well. Well attended, lots of new faces. Meeting has a new energy - its different!
No contribution, £22 on literature

Shoreham Women's - no report

Hove Step Meeting

Well attended, mix of clean time
Fully self-supporting
£20 contribution plus literature

Arundel Sunday Service

Lots of newcomers and old timers, 29 people attended last meeting
Fully self-supporting, can now buy own literature
Building a prudent reserve before making contributions.

Sub-committee reports

Region

No report received. No representation at June ASC.

Chair noted that ASC had allocated funds for RCM to attend Region in May, but she had not been able to attend, so these funds should be returned to ASC. ASC will need to vote again for future funding requests.

Action: Chair to explain correct process to RCM and request return of May funds.

Questions invited:

- Adam mentioned that having ASC railcard might save money
- Steve pointed out that it's also possible to attend Region online

Campout

No representation at ASC today, but report received and circulated on 16th June with ASC Agenda documents.

LSC

Jill (Chair, LSC) gave an overview of her report (circulated on 16th June with ASC Agenda documents).

Last LSC meeting was on 9th June. 3 service positions filled but there are **still vacancies at LSC for:**

- Vice Literature (1 year clean time)
- Vice Minutes Secretary (1 year clean time)
- Vice Treasurer (3 years clean time)
- Various panel leaders - see LSC report

Opening balance £500, closing balance £161.20

New commitment - Brighton Pride on 1st & 2nd August - LSC has 10 passes, **volunteers requested. Note - it's a LONG half-day. If there are more volunteers than passes, LSC will draw straws. How to volunteer for Pride - contact Jill or Louise with your name and number, by emailing lsc@sussexna.org**

Prisons and hospitals - metal must be removed from key tags. Could be easier to use plastic chips.

Posters - **Volunteers needed for the following areas:**

- Colgate
- Hailsham

- Battle
- Bexhill
- Seaford
- Newhaven

Action: GSRs please announce at meetings.

For updates on ongoing commitments and presentation opportunities, please see LSC report.

Next LSC meetings: 14th July (online) and 11 August (Haywards Heath).

Questions invited:

- Dean clarified - panels are needed for Lewis and Ford

SAOC

Apologies received from Babs. Report received and circulated to GSRS on 17th June.

SANAC

Report received and circulated with ASC papers on 17th June, including details of who has joined SANAC committee in various roles.

2000 flyers are being distributed, including some to Region and UK convention.

Overall, things are positive, committee is mindful of its primary purpose. Programme is currently being sorted. Website is up and running for tickets. Catering all sorted.

Vacancies: helpers for registration and Reiki healer (must be NA members). To put yourself forward, email convention@sussexna.org

Theresa is the contact for reiki - contact her through SANAC email.

Raffle received £200 donation from an anonymous NA member, which will cover 3 prizes.

Opening balance £205.19, closing balance £114.89

Date of next meeting: 5th July

Questions invited:

- Is there an itinerary to share? Not yet
- How to make a donation? Contact SANAC committee direct
- What is raffle prize? Weekly sauna and ice bath for one month for 1 NA member (company is owned by an NA member)

(meeting break -15 minutes)

New Business

SANAC request for funds

£1242.40 requested. Form has been completed and will be circulated with July ASC papers.

Request discussed by GSRs and carried.

SANAC committee will use the £100 donation from Chichester Unity towards flyer printing costs.

Action: New flyers circulated for Barnham Unity Day on 15th August, with correct QR code. All GSRs take to their meetings. If you have old flyers, bin them.

Questions invited:

- Is SANAC committee fund raising? No, they have a full job getting the event running this time, but may look at in future years.

Discussion time

Guidance on bank accounts and online banking for individual groups (raised by Peter)

No formal guidance is available through ASC, so Chair invited individual members to share relevant experience.

Janna - set up PayPal for her group through her personal account.

Dean - proper guidance is needed through Region, given how many people now bank through their phones. Chair reminded everyone that due to Tradition 8 NA could not support any specific affiliation.

Ben (GSR Sat Haywards Heath) - NA is not a charity so if we used SumUp this would be borderline fraud, as no tax is being paid. Also we'd have to pay fee of 1.6%. Zeffy and CoOp Bank are used in USA, as they support not-for-profit community organisations. Each group has their own online portal through the website.

Steve - we should encourage the use of cash, once you donate online your anonymity has gone.

Adam - given each meeting is autonomous, suggest creating QR code and using PayPal for friends and family

Action: Aaron - many meetings use a card reader. He will find out how this works and report back to ASC. Alex agreed to do same.

Group level service positions (raised by Gemma)

(a) Does a Vice Secretary need to be voted on again to become Secretary?

- Adam - each group is autonomous
- Dan - automatic succession, but in reality, there are rarely Vice people!

(b) Do you have to have an NA sponsor to do NA service?

Chair advised that nothing in our literature says this. It mentions 'no affiliation' but it's up to individual groups how to take this relating to sponsorship.

Crawley Unity Day (raised by Connor)

- If not requesting area funds, do they need to get ratified? - No

FINAL BUSINESS.

Requests for funds, agreed:

- £10 Ginni
- £15 Gemma
- £20 Aaron
- £10 Ben G
- £14 Ash for tea stuff

Treasurer's closing balance

- £977.62 taken this meeting
- closing balance £7974.51

Venue for ASC in July, August and September 2026!!

***Sidney Walter Centre,
Sussex Road,
Worthing
BN11 1DS***

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer

