

Sussex Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Date of meeting: Wednesday 20th May 2026

Meeting began at: 19:00

Meeting chaired by: Louise (Vice Chair - Sussex ASC)

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

- Ash welcomed all attendees
- Ash led us in with today's SPAD reading
- Louise asked attendees to introduce themselves

Attendees:

1. Ash (Chair - Sussex ASC)
2. Louise (Vice Chair - Sussex ASC)
3. Dan (GSR - Crawley Monday)
4. Chloe (GSR - Wednesday Haywards Heath)
5. Conor (GSR - Crawley Friday)
6. Kevin (GSR - Crawley Tuesday)
7. Ben (Treasurer - Sussex ASC)
8. Rachel (RCM - Sussex ASC)
9. Aaron (Vice GSR - Friday Bognor)
10. Lauren (Vice RCM - Sussex ASC)
11. Hannah (Outgoing Minutes Sec - Sussex ASC)
12. Julio (representing Brighton Phoenix)
13. Steve L (Chair SANAC Fundraising)
14. Karl (GSR - Monday Brighton)
15. Janna (GSR - Monday JFT Hove)
16. Pete (GSR - Lewes Thursday)
17. Dean (GSR - Sunday Early Risers)
18. Rob (Outgoing Tech - Sussex ASC)
19. Rob (GSR - Littlehampton)
20. Nikki (GSR - Thursday Portslade)
21. Dan (GSR - Monday Chichester)
22. Ben (GSR - Saturday Haywards Heath)
23. Michelle (GSR - Arundel Sunday)
24. Alex (GSR - Sunday Step)
25. Gemma (GSR - Chichester Thursday)
26. Georgia (Vice GSR - Chichester Thursday)
27. Adam (GSR - Worthing Friday)
28. Peter (GSR - Worthing Monday)
29. Phil (Vice Literature Sec - Sussex ASC)
30. Jill (Chair - LSC)
31. Teresa (GSR - Thursday Worthing Women's)
32. Lucy (GSR - Wednesday Brighton Women's)
33. Sarah (Literature Sec - Sussex ASC)
34. Lexi (GR - Monday Lewes)
35. Andy (GSR - Bright'n Shiny)
36. Jade (GSR - Bognor Women's Sunday)
37. Babs (Chair of SAOC)
38. Laura (GSR - Thursday Horsham)

Voting Group Service Representatives (GSRs) present: 25 - Quorate (having the necessary number of people present for decisions to be allowed to be made)

Apologies:

1. Sel (GSR - Wednesday Durrington)
2. Phil (GSR - Thursday Shoreham)
3. Peter S (GSR - Monday Living Clean Hastings)
4. Penny (GSR - Monday Shoreham Women's)
5. Joss (GSR - Worthing Tuesday Spiritual Principles)

Treasurer's Opening Balance: £7872.11 (£4000 ring-fenced for SANAC and our prudent reserve is £3500)

Reported by: Ben (Treasurer - Sussex ASC)

- Ash mentioned the steering committee voted to give books to Chichester Unity Day between last ASC - 5 bought and 5 sale or return
- Louise asked for last month's ASC Minutes to be ratified
- Last month's ASC Minutes were ratified by Lexi

Ratifications: No one came to be ratified

Positions vacant at Sussex ASC: Vice Treasurer (3 years clean time), Tea Person, Vice Minutes Secretary (2 years clean time), Literature Secretary (Sarah happy to stay for 3 months more/to handover), Vice Literature Secretary (Phil happy to stay for 3 months more/to handover), and Tech

- Sarah explained the position of Literature Secretary for the group

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>

Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports:

Monday Shoreham Women's - Penny (emailed in)

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Contribution: £0

Monday - Phoenix Online - Julio

- Well attended
- Contribution: £0

Monday Chichester - Dan

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Lot of newcomers and clean time in the room
- Contribution: £30 (*Treasurer counted £25*)
- Literature bought

Monday Hastings Living Clean - Peter (emailed in)

- [Positions vacant: Male Greeter](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Meeting well attended
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £50 (*This is in addition to £60 we contributed to Area last month but did not pay into the Area bank account until after the area meeting. Please confirm you have received both sums as we have a new treasurer and these payments are the first they have made to the area bank account.*)

Monday Worthing New Beginnings - Peter

- [Positions Vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Well attended
- Contribution: £145

Monday Basic Text - Karl

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter & Treasurer](#)
- Well attended
- Mix of CT

Monday Crawley - Dan

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Requesting starter pack for new meeting at AOB

Monday Hove - Janna

- [Positions vacant: Male Greeter and Female Greeter](#)
- Going really well
- Well attended

- Fully self-supporting
- Contribution: £25

Monday Lewes - Lexi

- [Full committee](#)
- Nice mix of newcomers and old-timers
- Fully self-supporting (*accepting Cash & PayPal*)
- Literature bought
- Contribution: £0 (*currently looking at prudent reserve*)

Tuesday Crawley Living Clean - Kevin

- [Full committee](#)
- Good mix of newcomers and old-timers
- Meeting going well
- Literature: £65.50
- Contribution: £6.03

Tuesday LGBT Dorset Gardens - Rob (representing)

- Well attended and strong meeting
- Contribution: £50

Tuesday Neurodiversity

- No report

Tuesday & Saturday Eastbourne - Babs (representing)

- Going well
- Contribution: £0
- Having to pay for replacement TV

Tuesday Worthing - Teresa (representing)

- Well-attended strong meeting
- Contribution: £75

Wednesday Women's - Lucy

- [Positions vacant: Tea Person, Treasurer & Co-Sec \(in 2 weeks\)](#)
- Need women available to sponsor
- Fully-self supporting
- Contribution: £0

Wednesday Mens - Alex

- [Full committee](#)
- Contribution: £0

Wednesday LGBT Haywards Heath - Chloe

- New format - SPAD & meditation meeting
- Literature bought
- Contribution: £0
- Building prudent reserve so no contribution but hope to next month

Wednesday Durrington Everything Recovery Worthing - Sel (emailed in)

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter & Literature Sec](#)
- Small and friendly meeting - fully self supporting
- New attendees and newcomers always welcome

Thursday Shoreham - Phil (emailed in)

- [Full committee \(need Treasurer from June\)](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £40 (to ASC bank account - confirm with Treasury)

Thursday Portslade - Nikki

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Newcomers
- Contribution: £50

Thursday Horsham - Laura

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Contribution: £0

Thursday Lewes - Peter

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter & Tea Person](#)
- Literature bought
- Good meeting
- Contribution: £0

Thursday Chichester - Gemma

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self supporting
- Successful Unity Day - 113 people registered.
- Contribution: £20

Thursday Worthing Women's - Teresa

- [Positions vacant: Treasurer](#)
- Going really well

Friday Worthing - Adam

- [Full committee](#)
- Well-attended and fully self-supporting
- Diverse clean time
- Attended by local treatment centres
- Literature: £35.20
- Contribution: £50

Friday Crawley - Conor

- [Positions vacant: Co Sec](#)
- Putting on a Unity Day later in the year
- Well attended
- Literature: £16
- Contribution: £25

Friday Bexhill

- No report

Friday - Newhaven

- No report

Friday Bognor - Aaron

- [Positions vacant: Tea Person](#)
- Well-attended
- Literature: £25
- Contribution: £25

Saturday Bright'n Shiny - Andy

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self supporting
- Been quiet recently
- Literature: £30.50
- Contribution: £0

Saturday Hastings JFT

- No report

Saturday LA does NA - Rob

- [Positions vacant: Treasurer & Male Greeter](#)
- Format change - SPAD every other week
- Contribution: £5
- Asked about doing poster campaign - Ash told Rob to speak to Lucy

Saturday Hanover

- No report

Saturday Haywards Heath - Ben

- [Full committee](#)
- Well attended - 20/25 people weekly
- Fully self-supporting
- Contribution: £30

Saturday Lewes

- No report

Sunday Early Risers - Dean

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Going very well
- Literature: £0
- Contribution: £0

Sunday Women's Bognor - Jade

- [Full committee](#)
- Fully self-supporting
- Loads of newcomers becoming regulars
- Literature bought
- Contribution: £0

Sunday Hove - Alex

- Well attended but could do with more clean time in the room as lots of newcomers
- Struggling - just self-supporting
- Contribution: £0
- Literature: £0

Sunday Arundel - Michelle

- [Positions vacant: Female Greeter](#)
- Well-attended
- Loads of newcomers
- Only just covering rent
- Requesting funds for deposit to repay member - roughly £50 - Ash said ASC can't do this
- Literature: £20.80
- Contribution: £0

Sunday Shoreham Women's

- No report
- Dean expressed as a GSR they should be able to vote to help meetings in need like Arundel
- Steve L said he went and it's a great meeting
- Louise asked Dean to propose in Any Other Business

Sub-Committee Reports:

Sussex Area Online Committee (SAOC) - Babs (Chair)

- [Positions vacant: Vice Treasurer \(3 years clean time\), Chair coming up in a couple of months \(4 years clean time\)](#)
- Full report sent out to all on 20th May
- Organising social media, website and Zoom
- Balance currently is £275.25 minus £150 approx for annual Zoom account and £130 for special worker
- Request for funds: £300

Next meeting details: <https://sussexna.org/service-meetings/>

Contact: webservant@sussexna.org

Local Services Committee (LSC) - Jill (Chair)

- Full report sent out to all on 19th May
- [Positions vacant:](#)
- [Vice-Presentations Co-ordinator \(2 years clean time\)](#)
- [Vice-Chairperson \(3 years clean time\) - into Chair Oct](#)
- [Vice-Literature Secretary \(1 year clean time\)](#)
- [Vice Minutes Secretary \(1 year clean time\)](#)

- Vice-Treasurer (3 years clean time) - Treasurer up in July
- Panel Leaders x 2 BHT Recovery Project - 2 years clean time
- Tea Person
- Current commitments going well - see full report for more details
- Updated meeting lists - currently with printer
- Proposal within committee to raise mileage from 45p/mile to 50p/mile - voted in by committee
- Treasurer's Opening Balance: £500
- Treasurer's Closing Balance: £346.53
- Request for funds: £153.47

Next meeting details: <https://sussexna.org/service-meetings/>

Contact: lsc@sussexna.org

Region Committee Member (RCM) - Rachel

- Didn't go to Region due to illness
- Minutes aren't out yet from Region meeting

Sussex NA Convention Committee (SANAC) - Ben (Treasurer & Vice Chair)

- Full report sent out to all on 19th May
- Committee taken on second positions where needed
- Fully functioning website and payment system in place
- Flyers being printed
- Digital flyer available & QR code
- Catering plan for date confirmed - Thai Curry (+ Vegan option) then BBQ in evening
- Aiming for 150-200 people on the day
- Treasurer's Opening Balance: -£242.40 (pre-existing costings for printing, meeting venue hire, travel)
- Request for funds: £2000 (to pay venue upfront, food, more posters)
- Child-friendly event - face painting
- Dogs welcome on leads
- Gong bath, games, reiki, line dancing, food, meetings, merchandise, cake sale

Next meeting details: 31st May 10:30am at The Yews, Haywards Heath

Contact: convention@sussexna.org

- Louise told Ben about Request For Funds form that will need to be filled out so it's itemised.
- Ben said it was brought up in the meeting that funds are ring-fenced.
- Ash said even if it's ring-fenced it needs to be applied for using the form so it can be voted on by GSR's.
- Steve added more info about convention - visiting 2nd June. He also mentioned unpaid expenses.
- Ash explained expenses will come via the ring-fenced money.
- Dean asked about doubled-commitments and ring-fenced money being for a Convention not a Fundraiser.
- Aaron explained it was voted on as a 1-day Convention to make money for a 3-day Convention in 2027.
- Karl mentioned F&E folding.
- Rachel pointed out form states Request For Funds should be made 3 months before event.

Chair called a break called at: 20:10

Meeting resumed at: 20:20

- Louise reminded attendees not to talk over each other

Sussex NA Campout 2026 Committee - Rachel (Chair)

- Full report sent out to all on 19th May
- Campout Name: Never Alone Under The Stars
- On website you can register, FAQs, map and option for Google and iPhone directions - www.sussexnacampout.co.uk/
- **Positions vacant:** Tuck Shop, Traffic Marshal & Kids' Corner
- They'll be service over the week
- Pre-reg helps us organise catering quantity and helps with funds - please pre-register!
- Kids and dogs on lead welcome

Please circulate the poster that is at the end of these Minutes as not all areas know about Campout!

Next meeting: 23rd May 2026 at 12-1pm

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91926610872?pwd=OTJTbFlkcktta0dPVnlaVWp3TnRkQT09#success>

New Business/Any Other Business:

- Dan is requesting a Literature Starter Pack for Crawley's new Saturday 11am meeting from 6th June
- Chloe seconded
- Literature Starter Pack for Crawley's new Saturday meeting carried by GSR's
- Kevin asked is there any literature to put on the table at Crawley CGL

- Louise said to speak to LSC as they have literature that can be put on the table
- Kevin asked on behalf of his group “If someone puts themselves forward for a position is it seconded first, or do they give an NA CV first?”
- Dean said people put their name forward, then it is seconded, then the member gives their NA CV
- Louise said each group his autonomous but we can give our experience
- Karl said in their group people put their name forward, then it is seconded, then the member gives their NA CV, then the group ask any questions, then it’s put for a vote.
- Steve mentioned the Group Booklet
- Dean proposed we vote to give literature to the Arundel meeting
- Ash asked Michelle to get a list of literature together they’d like to be voted on
- Georgie asked about the GSR pack
- Ash said it’s on the Sussex Na website
- Chloe asked about changing the “Where To Find” info
- Louise mentioned they’re in print so may be too late for this season but speak to LSC and go to Sussex NA website
- Peter mentioned Steve being out of pocket and if GSR’s can vote on it
- Ash said this is the issue when positions aren’t filled, so one member has spent their own money. Generally any monies would come from ring-fenced or fundraising.
- Peter said why can’t we vote here?
- Aaron asked why are people putting their own money in?
- Ash said it creates unnecessary dynamics
- Karl said members shouldn’t put their own money at risk. It’s on that person if they put money in - they can’t hold committees hostage.
- Janna agrees with what Karl said. Meetings and committees need to be fully self-supporting.
- Dean said it’s in the readings how things are done and this is a very difficult situation and it’s not encouraged to pay for things ourselves. We can’t be made to feel bad about it.
- Dan agrees with consensus - that’s why committees are formed to avoid resentments. It’s down to the committee, not ASC.
- Lexi said this is the same issue as Arundel, and it’s not about clean time. Someone being out of pocket almost £300 doesn’t feel right and we should vote on this occasion only with the understanding that this doesn’t happen again.
- Peter said the process wasn’t followed but agree with Lexi.
- Steve said there was no anterior motive. All receipts with committee.
- Louise mentioned someone on a committee putting 2-years travel in as an expense which was solved by mentioning an 8-week cut-off
- Ash asked for itemised breakdown for transparency
- Ben gave an itemised £242.14 (printing, venue rent, travel)
- Janna proposed only covering rent, not travel and printing - £80 - vote not carried
- Voting done on post-its not hands up for anonymity
- Alex proposed we pay now in full and just know in future that T7 is covered by committees not members - vote carried
- Money coming out of ring-fenced - Steve to speak to Ben

Other request for funds:

- Chloe - £20 Travel
- Aaron - £20 Travel
- Hannah - £20 Travel
- Georgia - £20 Travel

Note for GSR’s: Please email asc@sussexna.org if you would like to be added to the GSR Mailout List to receive pre-ASC reports and post-ASC minutes.

Housekeeping: Tables and chair back please, and rubbish in bin.

July, August and September ASC will be in Worthing as Hove Park School is not available

Business for next meeting:

- Ben new into post so would make sense for him not to have to do straight away - confirmation of why it’s £3500 and £4000
- Vote on Arundel’s literature request

- Treasurer explained discrepancy from last month’s closing to this month’s opening balance - extra funds were missed so added after ASC.

Treasurer’s Closing Balance: £7904.74 (£4000 ring-fenced for SANAC and our prudent reserve is £3500)

Reported by: Ben (Treasurer for Sussex ASC)

Sussex Area Bank Account details:

Bank: Lloyds Bank
Account Name: Sussex NA
Account Number: 00958845
Sort Code: 30-98-74
Reference: Meeting location/time/day (so we can identify payments)
Payments cut off is 8:30pm on the day of ASC

- Louise thanked Rob and Hannah for their service a their commitments at ASC have come to an end
- Louise thanked all attendees for their attendance
- All attendees said the Serenity Prayer to end the meeting

Next ASC meeting: Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 7pm-9pm (Doors open 6:30pm)
In Person: Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN
Online: <https://service.ukna.org/committee/area-sussex-asc/link>

Meeting closed at: 21:02

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SANAC UNITY DAY AND CONVENTION FUNDRAISER

Date	Saturday 15th August
Venue	Barnham Community Hall Yapton Road, Barnham West Sussex PO22 0AY
Time	10am until late
Tickets	£10 Early Bird until 15th July £15 on the door Available soon via the website



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Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

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Posters for upcoming events/new meetings in Sussex: