

Sussex Area Service Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: Wednesday 21st May 2025

Meeting began at: 7pm

Meeting chaired by: Ash (*Vice Chair for Sussex ASC*)

- Chair welcomed all attendees
- All attendees introduced themselves

Area Service Committee (ASC) members present: 4

Group Service Representatives (GSRs) present: 18

Sub-Committee Chairs present: 3

Apologies: 5

Positions vacant at Sussex ASC: Vice Treasurer (*3yrs CT - 2yr commitment*) & Vice RCM (*3yrs CT - 2yr commitment*)

- No attendees were ratified for positions at ASC this month

Treasurer's Opening Balance: £6563.09 (*£3800 ring-fenced for SANAC*)

Reported by: Jim (*Treasurer for Sussex ASC*)

Group Service Representative (GSR) Reports:

Daily Meetings

11am Phoenix Online: Well attended

Monday Meetings

11am Shoreham Women's: Well attended, £100 contribution, GSR position vacant

6:30pm Chichester: Well attended, full committee

7pm Traditions & Concepts Online Study: GSR position vacant

7pm Hastings: Well attended

7pm Worthing: £60 contribution

7:30pm Hove: GSR position available

7:30pm Brighton: Full committee, good attendance, £30 contribution

7:30pm Lewes: No contribution or literature, recently changed to a rotating format and will be updating info online

7:45pm Crawley: Full committee, no contribution

Tuesday Meetings

6:30pm Crawley: Well attended, full committee, changing venue next month as CGL have offered cheap rent, no contribution, no literature order

6:30pm Shoreham: No report

6:30pm Dorset Gardens: Meeting going well, full committee

7pm Neurodiversity Online: No report

7pm Eastbourne: Attendance has picked up but could do with visiting old-timers, Secretary position available

7pm Worthing: £73 contribution

7:30pm Brighton: No report

Wednesday Meetings

12:30pm Brighton: Full committee, no contribution, literature order

6:30pm Brighton Women's: Well-attended, good mix of old timers and newcomers, £30 contribution

7pm Lewes: No report

7pm Sussex Online: No report

7pm Worthing: No report

7pm Haywards Heath: Well attended, full committee, £25.10 literature order

Thursday Meetings

9:30am Shoreham: Recently changed time to 9:30am from 10am, good mix of old timers and newcomers, £50 contribution, buying literature

5:30pm Portslade: Full committee, good mix of people, £120 contribution

7pm Lewes: Good mix of old timers and newcomers, £32.58 contribution

7:30pm Hastings: Recently moved to Thursdays from Wednesdays

7:30pm Chichester: Growing in numbers, well-attended, lots of newcomers

7:45pm Horsham: No report

Friday Meetings

6pm Brighton: No report

6:30pm Queer Connection: No report

7pm Worthing: Well attended, no contribution

7:15pm Bexhill: No report

7:30pm Bognor Regis: Well attended, no contribution

7:30pm Newhaven: Well attended, no contribution, small literature order, GSR position available

7:30pm Crawley: Well attended, newcomers are coming back, no contribution, £32.50 on literature

Saturday Meetings

10am Bright'n Shiny Brighton: No report

10:30am Hastings: No report

5pm Littlehampton: No report

6pm Hanover: No report

6pm Haywards Heath: Well attended, no contribution, literature order, Tea and Female Greeter positions coming available

6pm Eastbourne: No report

7pm Lewes: No report

Sunday Meetings

10:45am Early Risers Brighton: Well attended, £43 contribution

11am Bognor Women's: No contribution, literature order

4pm Shoreham Women's: No report

5:30pm Hove: No report

Sub-Committee Reports:

Fundraising & Entertainment (F&E)

Reported by: Donna (*Chair for Sussex F&E*)

- Fun In The Sun Event coming up 8th June
- £155 Contribution (*leftover from Speaker Jam*)
- Positions Vacant: Tea, Minutes, Arts & Graphics (*the committee have agreed anyone wanting service must attend 2 committee meetings*)
- Looking for people to help out with food at events
- Closing balance: £300 (*£300 is the F&E reserve*)

Next F&E committee meeting (2nd Saturday of each month): 5pm (*Doors open at 4:45pm*) on Saturday 14th June 2025 at Hanover Centre, 33 Southover Street, Brighton BN2 9UD

Local Services Committee (LSC)

Reported by: Jill on behalf of Stephen (*Chair for Sussex LSC*)

- Positions vacant: LSC Vice Minutes Secretary (1 year CT), LSC Vice Presentation Co-ordinator (2yrs CT), LSC Vice Treasurer (3yrs CT), Panel leaders x 2 HMH Prison Ford (4yrs CT), Panel leaders x 2 HMH Prison Lewes (4yrs CT), Zoom Tech Support (2yrs CT & tech savvy), Co-Panel leader Lighthouse (2yrs CT), Co-Panel Leader BHT Recovery Project 2 Wednesday's per month (2yrs CT), LSC Presentations Co-ordinator (3yrs CT), LSC Literature Secretary (2yrs CT), LSC Vice Literature Secretary (1yrs CT)
- H&I Prison Service: Prisons have come forward with being comfortable/accepting for NA to have Male & Female Panel leaders into the all Male Prisons here in Sussex. Stephen liaising with the prisons.
- Prisons & Psychiatric Units: Vote passed for Panel Leaders to have 4yrs CT and Chairs must have 1yr CT.
- All meetings should now have the new Meetings Lists distributed at April's area
- Stephen is finding out cost to print leaflets to interest members in LSC service.
- No Opening and Closing balance recorded as I was sent 8th April 2025 LSC Minutes on 20th May 2025

Next LSC meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month): 6pm (*Doors open at 5:30pm*) on 10th June 2025 at Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN or Online

Regional Committee Member (RCM)

Reported by: Lauren on behalf of Rachel (*RCM for Sussex ASC*)

- Rachel went to Region in Plymouth on 10th-11th May 2025.
- Regional Delegate Team asked if we support the motion for Israel to print their own literature. All present voted in favour.
- Closing Balance for Region on Sunday 11th May 2025: £32,260.29
- It was confirmed that multiple bank accounts can use the Preston (UKSO) address.
- Helpline Committee are looking into the script people have to be trained on, and are coming back to the July region with an amended version due to concerns about referring people to outside organisations
- UKCNA (UK NA Convention) is 3rd-6th July 2025 in Birmingham
- UKCNA committee are still looking for suggestions for workshop topic themes
- UKCNA will have a creche
- UKCNA service available: Audio positions, Vice Secretary, Media and Comms, Vice Reg Chair
- A gentle reminder for groups to not hold more than their prudent reserves

Sussex Area Online Committee (SAOC)

Online report only

- Nearly 60 recovery meetings are hosted monthly (14 meetings per week), and various subcommittees. The Zoom accounts are also able for service days, events and planning meetings, please contact us to check availability.
- Positions Vacant: Vice Chair (4yrs CT), Vice Treasurer (3yrs CT), Webservant (social media), Secretary (1yr CT)

- Closing Balance 01/04/2025: £158.25
 - Opening Balance this month: £287.66 (£158.25 - £5 bank charges + £150 Funds from area in April - £15.59 Zoom)
- Next SAOC meeting (1st Tuesday of each month):** 6pm on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 - Online

Sussex Area NA Convention Committee (SANAC)

Reported by: Dean (*Chair for SANAC*)

- Opening Balance: £0.00
- Dean congratulated everyone involved with the recent F&E event. The Variety Show Fundraiser at Ironworks made a profit of £516.54 (£699.21 in Ticket Sales + £123.40 in Bar Profit - £150 on Sound Tech - £73.40 on Venue Staff Costs - £82.67 on Flyers)
- Online ticket sales should hopefully launch by the end of this week for SANAC 2025.
- Projected Sussex Convention attendance: 300 people (£7000-9000 in ticket sales)
- Another fundraiser for SANAC will be held on 27th June 2025. It will be a day rave and flyers will be coming out soon.
- A reminder to spread the word about the Sussex Convention
- Closing Balance: £516.54

Next SANAC committee meeting (fortnightly from 1st June 2025): 1:15pm on Sunday 1st June 2025 at Kennedy Street Recovery Hub, St Peter's Place, Brighton BN1 4SB or Online

- Chair called a break at 8pm

Literature Sales: £490

Reported by: Sarah (*Literature Representative for Sussex ASC*)

Request for funds:

- RCM - £90 (*for Food at Region*)
- GSR - £6 (*for Travel*)

Any other business:

- None

Business for next meeting:

- LSC Guidelines to be read out and voted on
- RCM to talk about Helpline (*Re: the affiliation to outside organisations and the script used*)

Treasurer's Closing Balance: £6922.10 (£3800 ring-fenced for SANAC. Total without SANAC = £3122.10 which is above prudent reserve, however we haven't paid our normal monthly expenses yet)

Reported by: Jim (*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 area

- Chair thanked all attendees for their attendance
- All attendees led out with the Serenity Prayer

Next ASC meeting (3rd Wednesday of each month): 7pm (*Doors open at 6:30pm*) on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at Hove Park School, Nevill Campus, Nevill Road, Hove BN3 7BN or Online

Meeting closed: 8:30pm

Meeting minutes taken by: Hannah (*Minutes Secretary for Sussex ASC*)