



**Local Service Committee meeting
Friends Meeting House
Brighton BN1 1AF**

18:00 – 19:00

09/08/2022

Attended

John B – Chair

Kat M - Presentation coordinator

Zoe H-Y – Treasurer- Bowerman house panel leader

Chris H – panel leader for the Project

David N- visiting

Apologies

Aaron A and Brian B – Lighthouse panel leaders.

Wayne H – literature person.

Mark K- panel leader for Ford prison.

Ronnie EH– Minutes secretary.

Last month's Minutes approved

12 concepts - Zoe Read the 12 concepts

Positions Available (CT = Clean Time) – Vice Chair, CT 2 years, Vice Treasurer CT 2 Years, Vice Minutes Secretary CT 1 Year, Panel Leaders for HMP Ford CT 2 Years, Vice Literature CT 1 Year, PI liaison officer 2 years CT, Poster Coordinator CT 1 Year

Treasurers Opening Balance - £3 with (£200 ringfenced at area)
£ 10 tea balance.

Unfortunately a request for funds was not made at the last ASC, hence the low OB.

HMP Ford

Ford is having its first meeting tonight! Mark K later submitted his report:

Ford Prison meeting went well with no problems at all. They've printed and put a poster with the NA symbol and day and time of the meeting up prominently and there's also a rota of daily groups in the chapel and Tuesday night says NA, 6.30pm to 7.30pm (we can use the room till 8pm if we need to). We had one inmate come tonight who really wants recovery. Hopefully next week we'll get more as word spreads that we're there. All in all no problems at all. I will thank Robin Fretter for printing the posters. I also gave the chaplain orderly some meetings list to distribute and two NA helpline posters to put up within the prison.

HMP Lewes

Still awaiting a response – recent contact made.

The Lighthouse

Aaron- The Lighthouse meeting is running well, with shares from NA members. Meeting numbers fluctuate depending on how many clients are at the rehab week to week.

Pavilions

An NA member has been approached by Pavilions. Info passed to LSC – John B to make contact via email.

Bowerman house

Zoe H was unable to attend one session as she was ill, and then had to change the week another time due to work commitments. Meetings are now fortnightly from last Thurs (04 Aug). Bowerman house is changing from female-only to mixed, so now we can send in male and female chairs. Zoe needs someone to share the service position, plus her year's commitment comes to an end in October. Possibly male & female alternate? Kat M to consider. Zoe H is away 15 & 29/09. Kat M can cover 29/09 but not 15/09.

Presentation liaison

No report

Pride

All agreed that it went very well. Visitors and attendees valued the meetings and the safe space. KM to email organisers to thank them for providing us with the opportunity to be there.

Chair

John B has been contacted by Hayley T re Emerging Futures in Bognor, which is a supported housing facility – currently women-only but may become mixed. They would like a fortnightly meeting. John B to liaise with Hayley T. A discussion ensued re how we could recruit NA members from West Sussex to fill this and other West Sussex service positions (even Ford as a potential alternate with Mark K) – possibly by having an information day or service chairs at meetings. Could even look in to having the LSC meeting in Worthing every so often – Zoe to look into venues.

Recovery project

Chris H reported all going well. His year's commitment has come to an end – happy to continue but preferably as an alternate. Chris was voted in to continue the position and we will announce that an alternate position is available.

Royal Sussex County Hospital

Wayne H still trying to make contact with the relevant member of staff, He will keep trying.

Literature

Nothing to report

Poster run

Nothing to report

Other Business/New Business

Discussed mileage allowance for those who have to drive to their service positions. Current government figure is 45p per mile. Discussion re managing NA funds responsibly as per the concepts and also opening up service positions

to members outside of Brighton. JB to liaise with members for whom the mileage allowance situation is relevant.

Discussed service positions where members have held their commitments for well over a year. JB to liaise with these members- one solution would be that those members put themselves forward for re-election.

Also discussed making the LSC a HYBRID meeting so that more members could potentially attend.

Expenses –

Zoe £5 travel for Bowerman house.

Agreed that JB would request £300.00 at ASC this month as we did not request any funds last month! This would bring the ring-fenced amount down to £100.00

Closing balance £-2 (with £200 currently ringfenced at area)
£10 for tea balance.

Next LSC meeting – Next meeting is the 13/09/2022 at the Friends Meeting House at 6pm.