Sussex Area Narcotics Anonymous



Local Service Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2024 6pm

Zoom Id - 832 7042 4390 password – 096 544 Hove Park School Nevill Campus Nevill Road Hove BN3 7BN

Steve L, LSC Chair welcomed us to the meeting.

Moment of Silence to remember the still suffering addict both inside and outside the rooms.

Louise read the 12 Concepts.

In attendance: - Steve L – LSC Chair

Mark K - LSC Treasurer

Anna – LSC Vice-Minutes Secretary Kat – Outgoing LSC Literature Secretary Louise – LSC Vice-Literature Secretary Brian – Panel Leader Lighthouse

Jill - Panel Leader Bowerman House/ Tea Person

Tyler - Poster Co-Ordinator

Visitors: - Paul K

Lauren Barry

Apologies: - Steve P – LSC Vice-Chair

Emma-Jane - Outgoing LSC Minutes Secretary / PI Liaison and

Coordination Officer / Panel Leader Langford Centre

Aaron – Panel Leader Lighthouse

Rose – Outgoing Panel Leader Bowerman House

Approval of last Minutes

February minutes not approved as sent to website prematurely. **Unanimously voted for minutes to be removed, edited, re-sent to website.**

Nominations

Emma-Jane stood down from LSC Minutes Secretary / PI Liaison and Coordination Officer / Panel Leader Langford Centre. Kat stood down from Literature Secretary. Thanks and applause to both for their service.

Anna put herself forward for Minutes Secretary, CV provided, seconded. **Anna voted in as Minutes Secretary, carried unanimously.**

Louise put herself forward for Literature Secretary. CV provided, seconded. Louise voted in as Literature Secretary, carried unanimously.

Approval of Chairpersons Report to ASC

Approved on LSC WhatsApp 24.03.24

Treasurers opening Balance £395.00

Positions Vacant

LSC Vice Literature Secretary – 2 years clean time

LSC Vice Minutes Secretary – 2 years clean time

LSC Vice Treasurer -- 3 years clean time (to be reviewed in guidelines)

PI Liaison & Coordination Officer – 2 years clean time and ideally, own a car.

Panel Leaders x 2 HMP Lewes – 4 years clean time (to be reviewed in guidelines)

Panel Leaders x 2 HMP Ford – 3 years clean time (to be reviewed in guidelines)

Panel Leader x 2 Priory Hospital – 3 years clean time. Online Zoom meeting

Panel Leader/secretary -- Daubeny House Nr Bognor- Clean time ideally 2 years. Any

suitable nomination could be considered with over 1 year clean time.

Panel Leader/secretary x 2 – Langford Centre Bexhill. 2+years clean time

Zoom Tech Support -ideally 2 years clean time- tech savvy.

Tyler asked for volunteers to help him with poster coordinating. Particularly in Worthing area, weekday afternoons. Lauren asked if this is for all over Sussex too? Answer: yes. Kat added that Mid Sussex was postered summer 2023.

Reports

Bowerman House: Jill reported that it's a small meeting, sometimes only 2 attendees. There has been a request to have it weekly. Rose is considering sharing it with Jill fortnightly, possibility of an opening for co-secretary.

Oasis/Richmond Place: Steve L has been in touch, women only venue. Possibility of restarting meeting there. Steve to follow up.

Recovery Project: Paul K put himself forward to set the meeting up again. Kat volunteered to help. Paul K provided CV, **Paul K voted in unanimously**.

Daubeney House: Aaron has stepped down. Panel leader position open.

Lighthouse: Brian B reported. Aaron is on board, going well. 10-13 in group, enthusiastic. Going through a lot of white keyrings. Report by Aaron on WhatsApp: really good meeting, friendly, engaged. Staff know that keyrings will be posted to them soon.

Langford Centre: Not running currently.

Literature: Kat reported good stock of literature, apart from A5 posters as they are out of stock.

Priory Burgess Hill, Priory Ticehurst: Steve reported. Fortnightly Zoom meeting for patients only. Good response to meeting so far, busy. Want to bring Priory Dorking on board, Steve awaiting confirmation to go ahead from Surrey LSC who do not want to be involved. Approx. 3 NA members needed for each meeting.

Tyler contributed experience of Ticehurst: not an easy place to be, difficult to do on Zoom. Steve responded: risk assessment has taken place. Zoom was deemed best option. Aim is to give people intro to NA and literature, and provide meeting lists, for when they return to their home area.

HMP Ford, HMP Lewes: Steve L gave a synopsis of the situation with both prisons. Due to enhanced security and long vetting processes, it might be 6 months+ before anyone could go in. Rather than spending a lot of time pushing this, agreed to put on back burner for now.

Business from previous months:

LSC quidelines revision: Steve L reported that we are still trying to obtain previous versions. Versions that are currently available can be located if you click back through minutes on area website.

AOB

Schools and colleges: Steve L asked, do we have any contacts in these areas? The process for making contact was discussed as well as the need to protect anonymity of members. Outcome: It is OK to ask personal contacts for the relevant party's details, then send to Steve L to make contact so communications come from the LSC email address, not an individual's personal email. Make sure to maintain member's anonymity.

Homelessness Outreach: Kat mentioned Crawley Open House and Turning Tides, offered to contact both organisations.

Meetings Lists: Steve L raised the need for more info about meetings on Sussex NA website lists: open/closed, disabled access, parking info, all other info. Very few meetings have this info listed. Tyler contributed, people may not even know what 'open/closed' means. Discrepancy between UKNA and Sussex NA website info was discussed. Louise suggested GSRs at ASC are asked to fill out the full checklist for meeting info. Agreed that Steve L will bring this to ASC in his next report. Lauren asked who is responsible for maintaining meetings list? Reply: SAOC (Sussex Area Online Committee). Discussion about ways to encourage GSRs/meeting committees to provide better info/remind them it is their responsibility to do so.

LSC out of Brighton meetings: Discussion of other potential Sussex venues to hold the out of Brighton meetings: requirements: internet, parking, cost. Crawley, Haywards Heath discussed for Mid Sussex. First meeting outside Brighton potentially in April or May.

Business for next meeting: Kat proposed Millview. Lots of people would like a meeting in there. Lauren added many other fellowships hold meetings there. To be discussed. Date and time for LSC get-together

Approach UKPI for dates for Sussex Training day

Surrey Training Day: Sunday 21st April 2024 12.30-4.30pm. Let Steve L know if you want to attend.

Requests for funds: £19

Closing balance: £376

Meeting ended 7.10pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2024.