



**Sussex Area LSC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

In Attendance

Steve L (SL) Chair
Pete F (PF) Vice Chair
Wayne H (WH) William Collier Panel Chair
Ronnie EH (REH) Lighthouse Panel Chair
Mark K (MK)
Sean (Sean) Elysium Panel Chair
Paul (Paul) Website
Rupert (RW) Tea person/Posters

Apologies

Neil P
Rachel H
Gary P
Marc S
Natalie S
Brian B

Steve welcomed everyone, opened meeting with moment's silence.
Wayne read the 12 Concepts of NA.
Attendees introduced themselves.
Group approved last month's minutes.

Positions Vacant

Literature secretary; Treasurer (Marc has committed); Vice Treasurer (Steve still doing until can handover to Marc; everyone agreed okay to continue).

Treasury Summary

Pounds 249 Opening
Pounds 17.82 Tea

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Ongoing Business

SL read through chairperson's report.

Ford Prison

Steve shared personal experience of the vetting process; Mark received today a response from his application; Ronnie will pursue his application

Pete re-volunteered to make presentation with Steve on April 5 at Ford Prison

Esylum

Sean gave update. 3-4 residents attending; going well. Had no contact from Tim, would like to share responsibility, Sean will reach out.

Langford

Babs available Saturdays; nat Mondays. Steve talked possibility of Men's meeting every fortnight

Stonepillow

Needs support

William Collier House

Steve/Wayne described the chaotic meeting environment. Steve suggested 3 members needed for safety's sake and for foreseeable future and asked for a conscience of committee on the issue; Committee agreed; Will try and get 3 people up until 3pm on Wednesdays and then shelve if not enough people; Volunteers needed; Steve will update Sue on decision/situation; discussion of if time (7:30-8:30pm could be restrictive for a lot of people). Sean suggested a WCH Team Meeting Presentation to explain to Team what the Meeting is about (not just another mandatory WCH Group event). RW asked if Posters seen up. Steve confirmed have been and also a Poster highlighting the day/time of NA meeting.

Lighthouse

Ronnie gave update: 11-12 people/week, going very well; discussion about ordering key rings (LH willing but not yet forthcoming/accessible. Steve will email Ronnie an Order List Ronnie can pass on to LH contact); Basic Text has disappeared (Steve can re-supply); Discussion of giving out numbers at H&I Panel Meetings (not allowed; in do's and don't's; explained why).

Royal Sussex

Discussion of H&I meeting implementation and Steve encouraged committee getting word out to groups/members that we need volunteers to make it happen/successful. Asked if someone can help Steve on March 15 Audrey Emerton Building 2nd meeting with substance misuse team manager (Jo). Mark volunteered ("hand-up really high"; very committed to doing what he can at Sussex).

Homeless outreach

Steve and Rachel in discussion.

Criminal Solicitors (PI) discussion

Steve: "If anyone knows any firms please send details to Steve.

Posters

RW handed over Coordinator role. Committee accepted and thanked RW.

New Business

Paul talked about the development progresses with Sussex website: Member's area (P/W humility), featuring Minutes of LSC current and previous, ASC minutes; NA Way magazine, Reaching Out, Audio Shares.

Discussion of Data Protection Act (May 24) implications; 12th Step Volunteers List; NA UK asked if we can give one burn phone number (or web servant) for addicts in need of contact and their number shared with burn phone holder or web servant for 12th step action to happen; Campout committee has its own email (redirects to Michelle CC'ing Addie); For Professionals needs to be updated.

Steve encourages committee to go on website to see fantastic improvements, a real good tool including Basic Text, Service manuals, asks if anyone can get involved will be very helpful e.g. feedback, suggestions, drafting docs.

Paul said "the website can only be as good as the feedback provided by members" and encouraged feedback emailed to: webservant@sussexna.org

Paul talked about Shaw House (supported housing for Mental Health people as an opportunity for materials).

Sean opened discussion of Meeting Lists on website, Paul responded.

Steve said any printed Meeting Lists ever needed can be turned around fast (around 24 hours) and is low cost (William Collier House for example).

Newcomer Packs: Steve gave a couple of Sussex orchestrated Packs to UK NA, who responded positively and will adopt.

Discussion of Distance Sponsorship (cards distributed to committee), Prison Sponsorship, aim to collect names of willing Distance Sponsors.

Sean raised question of if any PI progress/contact/feedback with: Rough Sleepers; Equinox; Off the Fence; Bus of Madeira Drive; St Mungo's (none forthcoming)

London Convention: H&I will have merchandize table. Slots available on table for people willing to help. Can approach the table on the day.

Pounds 199 worth of literature from ASC received. More is needed to be ordered.

Steve expressed his gratitude for the committee, highlighting it had opened up a whole new area of recovery for him. Will reduce committee's footprint by printing less (people can read Minutes/Summary etc) off their own screens

Next Meeting:

7pm, Tuesday April 10, 2018

Friends Meeting House

Ship St, Brighton BN1 3AF

Note: Informal meeting can be arranged beforehand if needed

Meeting closed with the **Serenity Prayer**.