

Minutes of Sussex Area Local Services sub-committee (responsible for PI and H&I/Outreach)

Held: 7pm, 14/11/2017. Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton.

Steve opened meeting and welcomed everyone especially newcomers.

Pete read the 12 Concepts of NA Service.

We all introduced ourselves.

Emails of the members attending:

Steve L

Mark K

Rupert W

Shawn T

Tony M

Pete F

Suzanne SB

Apologies: Mark S, Natalie S, Nick S, Rachel H, Neil P

Positions vacant: Pete put himself forward to be considered subcommittee's new Vice Chair. Gave CV. Pure NA. Pete voted in.

Literature was discussed in context and agreed it takes care of itself. Suzanne expressed willingness to stuff envelopes and is computer savvy and happy to get involved in any way she can.

Minutes of last Meeting ratified.

Steve went through Chairpersons Summary dated 14/11/2017, highlighting Treasurer's opening balance and old business some of which included discussion of:

Pavilions: are open to a kind of informal H&I introduction to NA for their clients which could be held on a Thursday which would work for Mark K.

Elysium: Shawn said really needs female members to share their stories for about 15 minutes. Agreed that the subcommittee would announce at meetings and any willing members phone numbers could be emailed to Shawn or Steve.

Steve asked permission to seek approval from ASC for more Step Working Guides.

"Bone phones" agreed to be bought for purpose of number being used on flyers, posters and other 12 step related communications.

Breakdown of subcommittee funds report and expenses detailed, and ASC fund request confirmed.

Lewes Prison: legacy security officer still there and still embittered. Had been earlier decided to try getting in differently. Via other services already working within Lewes Prison. Due to taking this approach, someone kindly took 2 Basic Texts into the prison for us.

We have had some surprising feedback as a result.

It turns out that 2 NA meetings, run by the inmates themselves, are happening inside already.

Steve has asked for a little more information:

When and Where these meetings are held?

How long they've been running? And, that if they ever need any literature, for them to let us know.

Stonepillow: Run 8 supported houses. Two months ago, we were asked to do presentation at monthly house meetings. 2 houses have said yes to dates: 8/01/2018, 2pm, Littlehampton; 1/02/2018, 2pm, Bognor.

A H&I manual was discussed as available for subcommittee to read. It has a CD with it. Recommended we familiarise selves with it and PI manual. Steve will order one more H&I manual from UKSO.

Learning Day: could be held in conjunction with F&E, could include reps from UKPI & UKH&I, could include workshops and panels - focused on raising awareness of what local services subcommittee does and the service opportunities available for the broader NA fellowship in Sussex. This would be held in 2018.

Brief discussion of what message subcommittee can announce at meetings: People needed to do Chairs at Bexhill, Stonepillow in Chichester, and women particularly at Elysium in Hove.

Satellite subcommittees: idea to hold subcommittee meetings twice a year at Hastings, Crawley or Chichester agreed good towards getting more people involved and chance of satellite subcommittees being set up in those areas so meetings in local institutions can be managed locally perhaps more efficiently.

Ford Prison is gagging for meetings.

Next informal meeting discussed, and a WhatsApp group suggested as an interim communication tool (not feelings chat group) for subcommittee related communications only. Pete will set this up/took numbers of those present.

Packs, stuffing envelopes, everyone willing to join in, Suzanne keen to help and reiterated her willingness to do any helpful computer type service, including website stuff.

Royal Sussex. Thursdays. Mark could be available.

William Collier House have asked if we can come in and do anything. Homelessness discussion. Want to get more proactive. Contacts considered including St. Mungo's.

Any new ideas or feelings (went around room for people to input):

Mark: wants to get more involved and do more

Rupert: guilt about no poster run however agreed wait until bone phone numbers available

Shawn: chatting more with people about service opportunities

Tony: enjoyed learning what he heard and will chat more with Steve

Pete: Worthing, Bexhill, Elysium

Suzanne: willing to do anything she can do to help

Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer.

Next Meeting: 7pm 12th December 2017, Friends Meeting House, Brighton