



Sussex Area PI

Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 10/10/17

In Attendance –

Steve L (SL) Chair
Nick S (NS) Treasurer
Neil P (NP) Minutes Secretary
Pete F (PF), Literature Secretary
Mark K (MK),
Rupert W (RW)
Marc S (MS) Vice Treasurer
Ronnie EH (REH)
Rachel H – Communication Secretary,

Apologies –

Ben G (BG) , Barry K (BK), Mick G (MG) Vice Chair, Gary P (GP), Natalie S
– Female Volunteer Coordinator.

- *SL welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a moments silence.*
- *NS read the 12 Concepts.*
- *Group introduced themselves.*
- *Group approved last months' minutes*

Positions Vacant –

PI/H&I Liaison, Homeless Coordinator, Tea Person

Elections –

Rupert W – Tea Person.

Treasurers Opening Balance & Report –

Main - £250.00 Tea - £14.83

Business –

Old –

Ongoing –

SL stated that the PI report is carried over from last month with some additions in red. SL read through the report.

SL reported that Langford centre is going well. MK will share next time. NS will do the following week. We still need more volunteers to do shares.

SL reported that Pavilions meeting is up and running and that it is on the website. SL suggested we get some flyers printed to hand out to clients.

SL mentioned the presentation at Pavilions on the 14th of November. SL asked for volunteers. MK and PF put themselves forward. RH offered to step in if anyone drops out. MS stated that we should aim it at the medical staff. MS will be there also but not representing NA.

SL reported that new Crawley meeting is going well and is starting to form a committee. SL thank REH for covering the last meeting. SL reported that he is holding some Trad 7 which will be handed over to the new treasurer this week. SL stated that the contact with Conquest hospital has stalled slightly. He asked should we make a formal approach? The committee agreed we should make an approach.

SL read the email from Dr Sarah Flowers, she has asked for repeat presentations to medical students at Sussex Uni on the 31st Oct. Camilla and Kat have offered to attend. PF volunteered to attend also. We still require one more male volunteer.

MS and SL offered to attend the emerging futures open day on the 8th Nov.

SL suggested we supply Lewes prison with options, send some literature etc, to allow inmates obtain prison sponsorship. SL mention that there might be a way

to get back into Ford Prison. MS also stated that he might know someone who might be able to help.

NS asked if he could use his sponsorship book from his home group could be used to help prison sponsorship. SL stated that there is a full scheme in place at the UKSO.

NS reported that the proposition about the Local Services Committee was well received.

SL further explained the thought behind the idea of merging the PI and H&I sub committees.

New –

BG has returned his tea position.

RH mentioned that Cascade are open to us opening a daytime meeting on three Thursdays a month. SL stated that there would be issues with not running every week. RH will enquire about other availability.

PF has sorted out the tea and will show Rupert where everything is.

SL mentioned that we need more literature, poster, leaflets.

RH and PF offered to put together new comer packs.

SL asked if we could get another poster campaign going. RH, MK and RW offered to start in Brighton. REH and PF offered to cover Worthing area.

SL stated that there is £100 ring fenced at area for outreach and that we should be trying to do more with this.

NS suggested that we should had out meeting lists.

SL suggested getting inlay cards for the meeting list, updated with the new meetings.

SL brought up we still need to contact, Brighton Police, Hastings and Rother Police, Worthing Community Churches. And also local homeless centres.

MS offered to approach First Base about possible presentations etc.

Treasurers Closing Balance –

Main - £184.50 Tea - £14.83

(Out Goings 10/10/17) Travel expenses £65.50)

NS will request £65.50 at next ASC

UPCOMING MEETINGS –

Informal-

TUESDAY 24/10/17 7:00PM
STEVE’S HOUSE
ADRESS TO FOLLOW.

Formal –

TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 7:00PM
FRIENDS MEEING HOUSE
SHIP STREET
BRIGHTON BN1 1AF

Thank you for being of service.

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Sussex Area PI subcommittee meeting
Chairpersons summary
12/09/2017

Langford Centre, Bexhill.

Since giving a presentation to substance misuse team on 17th August, and having reached agreement. We now have a regular weekly NA meeting within this facility. These started on Monday

4th September and are now ongoing. Yesterday 11th went very well. We will be there again on the 18th, then due to some of us being away for the following Monday the 25th, the team at Langford have agreed to us taking the meeting into the facility during that week on Friday 29th.

Langford will soon be extending the substance misuse area with the creation of another ward. Between us we are looking to swap to a different day for the meeting.

Feedback from those attending the meetings has been very good. Feedback from staff has also been extremely positive. They feel we are a real asset to their group of patients. There is a minor security process which we need to follow when attending Langford. Anyone going in to take the meeting, secretary and/or sharer will need photo id each time. From next week, the literature for the meeting can be left on site.

Pavilions, Brighton

I gave a short presentation to Debbie Piper at Pavilions on the 6th September. We have been given her permission to bring a weekly open NA meeting into Pavilions starting the first Friday in October (6th), exact timing tba. We can also have someone from NA seated in the lobby prior to each meeting as greater/newcomer rep.

This meeting will put up on Pavilions webpage.

It will go on to Sussex and UK websites very soon.

PI have also been formally invited to attend the Pavilions Team meeting 14th November to give a full presentation to them.

CGL, Crawley

Having also given a short presentation to the manager at CGL in Crawley on 2nd September.

PI were invited to bring a regular open NA meeting using their premises.

This started from last Saturday 9nd September 10am – 11:30am, next meeting is on the 16th.

Due to a few members being away for that Saturday 23rd, can anyone please commit to taking this meeting for that morning? (literature is on the premises) see me for info.

This meeting is on Sussex website, I will put on to UKNA later this week.

Worthing

There is a new meeting starting in Worthing on Monday evenings. Starting 9th October 17.

Monday 7:30pm Worthing: Christchurch, Graffton Rd, Worthing BN11 1QG

Full details will be posted on websites.

Stonepillow Bognor

I will be talking about NA to those in an abstinence rehab in Bognor this Friday coming 10am. I'll take some newcomer packs along too.

Conquest Hospital Hastings:

Substance misuse team have been in contact, we are exchanging emails at this moment. ONGOING.

Stonepillow Hub, Chichester:

We have planned to get ourselves involved here at the beginning of October, close to week beginning 2nd.

I will give this my close attention over the next week, and finalise with them, what our plans are. Keep you all informed.

Ford and Lewes Prisons

The best way forward, in my opinion, might seem to be accessing and making presentations to in prison service providers in the first instance. How would we feel about sending information packs to them which would include information regarding how prisoners could get sponsors through the Prison Sponsorship scheme? It would seem to me that the constant requests over many years, to regain direct access to Lewes Prison has served only to harden any negative attitude towards NA. I feel we might have to rethink the approach altogether. Primary purpose. Carry the message. Let's get the message to the addict any way we can to establish that connection first. Then let HP take care of the rest.

Discussion;

PI & HI combining. Proposal to Area for AOB in October

AOB

Questions?

Request for reimbursement of expenses:

£20.00p for petrol

2 x Bexhill, 2 x Crawley = approximately 216miles