



Sussex Area PI

## Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday 12/09/17

### 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)  
Rachael H (RH)  
Natalie S (NS)

### Apologies –

Marc S (MS) Vice Treasurer, Ben G (BG) Tea Person, Barry K (BK), Mick G (MG) Vice Chair, Gary P (GP)

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

### Positions Vacant –

PI/H&I Liaison, Homeless Coordinator, Communication Secretary, Female Volunteer Coordinator.

## Elections –

Rachel H – Communication Secretary, Natalie S – Female Volunteer Coordinator.

## Treasurers Opening Balance & Report –

**Main - £217.50 Tea - £3.93**

## Business –

### Old –

#### Ongoing –

SL read through his summary report (Copy Attached)

PF asked about Worthing Churches, SL said he had just received an email to start proceedings about getting a presentation there.

NS mentioned that DP might have a way into Lewes Prison?

NS suggested we could maybe get an in through UKPI via a London prisons.

SL has already looked at this but was told we need to find our own way in?

SL explained how our best approach would be through the other service providers.

### New –

SL brought up the PI/H&I committee merging. This working well in other NA Areas. SL will draft a short proposal (that we can see first for suggestions and approval) then NS/NP will bring to the next ASC and ask GSR's to consider it at for approval October ASC in AOB. SL suggested when we get the report made up for the October ASC the full outline, intent and benefits for proposal to merging is put for GSR's for a vote.

MK asked about Pavilions and Stonepillow, SL suggested that we just get the Pavilions meeting started and form a committee. MK is happy to get involved.

SL has found two people willing to take on the secretary position at Elysium (Priory). They want NA back in there. Steve will contact them this week.

SL highlighted that we need to follow up on contact from Hastings and Rother Police.

SL has had an email contact for a domestic abuse charity from West Sussex, can we get women in to attend, presentation and meeting.

## Treasurers Closing Balance –

Main - £133.50 (Out 29/08 rent £64, Travel expenses £20.00) Tea - £14.83  
NS will request £116.50 at next ASC

## UPCOMING MEETINGS –

Informal-

TBC

Formal –

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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

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

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 6<sup>th</sup> September. We have been given her permission to bring a weekly open NA meeting into Pavilions starting the first Friday in October (6<sup>th</sup>), 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 14<sup>th</sup> November to give a full presentation to them.

**CGL, Crawley**

Having also given a short presentation to the manager at CGL in Crawley on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. PI were invited to bring a regular open NA meeting using their premises.

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

Due to a few members being away for that Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**