



Alcoholics Anonymous

Great Britain

Call to Order

The Conscience meeting for the 152nd Assembly for Southdown Intergroup was held on 20th September at Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Crundles, Petersfield. It began at 19:30 and was presided over by Clare (Vice Chairman).

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Nick (Archivist), Una (TLO), Julia (12 Step Co-coordinator), Ellie (PIO), Tony (Weds pm GSR), Barbara (Chichester Mon GSR), Imogen (Chichester Mon GSR), Alan (ECLO), Clare (Interim Secretary), Sonia (Intergroup Treasurer), Clare Vicechair), Steve (Steering Committee), John (Mon afternoon London Road GSR), Chris (Hayling Island Fri am GSR), Richard (Regional Rep), Cathy (Regional Rep), Kate (Hayling Island Sun Pm), Brian (Waterlooville Fri pm), Jenny (Haslemere Fri am GSR), Moira (Gosport Tues pm GSR)

Guests in attendance included - Pete, Trish, Neil

Apologies – given by Steve on behalf of Portsmouth Sat am, Denise (Weds Havant), Lynette (Friday Derby Road), Newport IOW.

Opening & Admin

The Assembly was opened by Clare (Vice Chairman) and started with the Preamble read by Una and the 12 Traditions read by Nick.

Thanks were given to Portsmouth Saturday pm for the refreshments and all were welcomed.

Introductions from those present and which group they are representing.

Conscience Updates:

Treasurer:

Proposed - remove Steve and add Sonia to the bank mandate. 2 signatories required to do this and as the Assembly agreed, Sonia will arrange to meet with Jim and Paula to sign the necessary form.

Intergroup are being charged for those cheques that bounce or are incorrectly written so it's really important GSR's remind their Group Treasurers to write the cheques correctly. Since Sonia has been in place, she has taken the responsibility to check all cheques prior to Banking them.

Kate has received an email from Barclays regarding the use of an application for the smartphone but this was felt to be a phishing email.

ECLO:

Letter handed out including a Link to the new microsite.

The aim is to contact all the intergroup officers to set up a page/entry for each officer on our microsite.

There is a section for Conventions showing when and where they are including a link showing the actual flyers themselves.

Alan encouraged all GSRs and Officers to familiarize themselves with the site and feedback where they would like changes.

How does Intergroup encourage GSR's to attend regularly?

The discussion opened with how could Intergroup do more to encourage GSRs to attend the Intergroup meetings each quarter. It was recommended that if there is no GSR for a group then the group Secretary should come along to represent the group.

A quorum is the minimum number of members that must be present before a meeting can start. For a committee meeting a quorum is at least half the voting members of the committee. For Intergroup this would be a minimum of 31.

Some groups are not sending money up to Intergroup. Sonia prepares a schedule on a rolling annual basis showing which groups have contributed and how much. The financial period for Intergroup runs from 1st October – 30th September.

From the next Assembly we will record when each group last sent in a GSR report, when they last returned the 12 step list and when a contribution was last submitted to Intergroup.

Julia raised that maybe we could arrange for the GSR leaflet and a letter to the GSRs about their responsibilities. Action for the Secretary to audit those groups on the 'where to find' to establish which ones are still active.

Jenny, a new GSR but has attended previous Intergroup meetings felt sending a letter to GSRs may be seen as too official and reinforces the hierarchy view of Intergroup. A suggestion was made that visiting the groups would be more beneficial.

Keith raised how difficult it is to get people in Service. What can we do to make it more attractive to people to take up service positions? Can this go to Region for comment.

Maira – it's up to the GSRs to speak positively about Intergroup when they go back to their groups. Encourage people to pick just the one home group where the attendees have a service position and attend regularly. For Gosport this has resulted in more people attending the conscience meetings.

We have more groups with the same number of attendees so the message is being watered down. The onus is on us to carry the message from Intergroup to GSRs. Need to find out name, addresses, emails for all GSRs that go on the 'Private and Confidential'. Need to make sure Intergroup minutes are being sent out to all GSRs.

Ellie reminded people that if people can't get to Intergroup, expenses can be claimed if required. Alternatively, ask around, people are always happy to give lifts.

Actions:

- Minutes from tonight will be available on the Microsite tomorrow morning for all to see. Email all GSR's a copy of these minutes and a link to the microsite. Going forward these minutes need to include Action items and the Secretary will include this as an agenda item for the next Intergroup meeting.
- Jim to remind people at the start of the meeting of some basic meeting rules. This includes next meeting that polystyrene cups will be available!
- All pink forms MUST come back to the Secretary at the same time it goes to GSO. Clare to contact GSO and see if they can notify the Group Secretary every time they receive a pink form. Should the pink forms go back to GSO annually?
- Regarding tidying away the room – the equipment must be left as per the photograph on the wall. Please could everyone remember to ensure the tables and chairs are stacked and put away correctly. This reminder will be read out at each assembly.

Close

The pot was passed and a contribution of £29.60 collected.

The Assembly ended with the Serenity prayer at Teas and coffees for the next Assembly will be provided by Portsmouth Sunday (am).

Southdown Intergroup Assembly	Wednesday 1900 for 1930
Herne Farm Leisure Centre, Crundles, PETERSFIELD GU31 4PJ	
15 th November	Tea and Coffee Group Portsmouth Sunday am

South East Region Assembly	Sunday 10:30-16:00
London Meed Community Primary School, Chanctonbury Road, BURGESS HILL RH15 9YQ	
24 th September 19 th November	

NEXT ASSEMBLY Wednesday 15th November 2017