

Eastbourne Gay Group's first newsletter, September 1976

EASTBOURNE GAY GROUP (E.G.G)
within C.H.E.

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For our first time together on the 3rd of this month at the Friends Meeting House, Wish Road, there were nearly 30 of us, one third being gay girls we were pleased to see.

[redacted] (the Hastings Che Convenor) kindly came over to encourage us and we had a telegram wishing the group good luck from the Littlehampton group of C.H.E.

After some informal remarks from [redacted] inviting opinions on how, when and where we should get together in future, we chatted in three small groups and came to some decisions:

1. We shall have fortnightly Friday evening meetings as this suits most of us, the next meeting to be held at Friends Meeting House Wish Road on Friday September 24th at 7.30pm.
2. A small local club centrally situated is to be asked to accommodate us once a month with bar and music (more of this on the 24th)
3. We want varied social evenings and outings: members at-homes with coffee, music or just coffee and conversation, speakers from CHE and related issues, visits to Theatres, London and other groups, and serious discussions on law reform, recognition locally for E.G.G., campaigns to be initiated next year and so forth.

It was agreed to start very gently and with the social side stressed at first, splashes to come latter on! Also that some, but by no means all, would like to know more about CHE first and then join it, as larger membership nationally will give us a real voice in the country as a whole - there are a mere 6000 members of CHE, yet there are millions of gay men and women here as we know from many surveys.

Please come with as many friends as possible on the 24th, when there will be concrete plans to lay before you during another informal coffee and biscuits hour, followed by a prolonged visit to the Hartington in Cavendish Place (you'll always find some of us there over any weekend incidentally).

We made new friends on the 3rd, let's go on doing just that on the 24th.