BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 14C Belsize Square, NW3

Attendees: Prabhat Vaze, Anne Stevens, Neil Harris, Consuelo Phelan, Sarah Courtin

1. Apologies for absence: Alex Crisp, Judith Farbey, Sanya Polesuk, Barrie Tankel

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. Agree February minutes: agreed
- b. Matters arising from January minutes not covered elsewhere: none

3. BRA business

- a. Committee members' roles for 2016/17
- PV re-elected as Chair
- AS Membership Secretary
- NH Treasurer
- JF Events
- BT Planning
- SP Planning
- CP Trees
- AC Newsletter Editor
- SC Secretary & TYCT Editor

Action: AS to distribute list of emails and phone nos. to committee members

NB: website to be updated by ??

b. Issues emerging from AGM

Cycle Superhighway 11: Public meeting at St Stephens on 16.03.16. at 19.00. CP and SC will try to attend Membership to be kept in touch of any action by SCAG. Should BRA support?

c. Future committee meetings: (Barrie and Alex cannot do Tuesdays.)

Second Monday of each month to be tried initially and Wednesdays thereafter. Second Monday of each month up to & incl. December but excluding August.

4. Planning update:

a. Report on planning applications

Action: PV to do planning applications with BT & SP at next meeting - probably 2 months worth

b. Consultation on Swiss Cottage Cycle Super Highway, Public meeting - see 3b above

Action: PV to ask absentees whether attending consultation. Will also email TfL with consultation comments

c. Closure of public toilets

Action: PV to find whether way to express BRA reservations as consultation didn't allow for expression of views.

d. Camden plan - Consultation ends 4th April

Action: PV to ask BT to look carefully at issues such as site allocations and permitted developments including basements and to check Article 4 removed **all** rights to permitted development in conservation area such as Belsize.

5. Tree applications

Comments/objections: 4

96 Haverstock Hill, front. Fell elm (subsidence)

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- 17 Daleham Gardens, rear. Fell lime, "potentially large", replace with smaller species
- 47 Maresfield Gardens, rear. Fell 2 sycamores.

No objection: 14 71 Belsize Park Gardens 12-13 Steele's Road 10 Lancaster Drive 8 Lyndhurst Gardens (2 applications) 18 Belsize Grove 26 Fitzjohn's Avenue 80 Parkhill Road

1 Tudor Close 27a Buckland Crescent 21 Daleham Gardens 43a Lancaster Grove 18 Belsize Park Gardens 12a Daleham Gardens

6. Events

a. New members/helpers event

At Diana Self's flat on Sunday 20th March, time TBC. Attendees: about 40 including new members, newsletter distributors, notice board organisers, Sir Richard Steele witnesses.

Action: PV to send email to invitees and AS and SC to follow up by phone/email

b. Garden party, 26 June 2016 at Deborah Buzan, 15.00–17.30 (as 2015?)

c. Tree walk

To be led by Bettina Metcalfe on 11th Sept.

Action: CP to arrange for school etc. with Jean Seal. Details to be finalised at July meeting latest.

8. Finance

a. Accounts for February 2016: approved as circulated

Signatories for bank account now finalised; AS, NH & PB. PB and AS to set up own details with bank via helpline. Only one signature now necessary for cheques.

9. Publications

a. Newsletter: May issue deadline for contributions is 9th April 2016.

b. TYCT in hand. Rather fewer recommendations than last 2 or 3 years. Due to printer in April for distribution with Newsletter about 19th May.

10. Membership

a. Membership changes, February 2016: Two new members

11. Any Other Business

a BRA committee received sincere thank you from Camden solicitor, Sandra Vallentine, for support over Sir Richard Steele AVC appeal. Judgement due by May so should be available for May Newsletter.

b. Web hosting: further exploratory trials with current host. Decision on changing host to be made at June meeting.

c. Sale of BRA photo cards:

Action: NH to contact Judith Gubbay to create poster for notice boards.

d. AGM alternative location: facilities and availability of BCL to be explored.

12. Date and place of next meeting; venue

94a Belsize Lane on Monday 11th April at 19.30 - provided convenient for absentees.