

## **BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 94A Belsize Lane**

**Present:** Prabhat Vaze (Chair) Michael Jampel (guest) Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Consuelo Phelan, Anne Stevens, Barrie Tankel, Sarah Courtin

**Apologies for absence:** Alex Crisp, Sanya Polescuk

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

1. Agree October minutes: agreed

#### **BRA business**

1. Changes to BRA status and constitution: discussion on benefits of CIO as opposed to CIC being most suitable for BRA purposes. Article on committee's proposal to be in February Newsletter for further discussion at AGM
2. Annual meeting with councillors: to be held at 5.00 pm on 20th November. **Action:** JF to circulate agenda and attendees.
3. Archive Library: JF will check that Holborn Library will hold BRA archives on site, despite reported negotiations between LBC and site developer to move some records off site.
4. Website developments: volunteers for updates: PV re "Current Issues", SC to add Carols and AGM for "Events" & JF to complete later. SC will do "Useful Links"
5. Noticeboards: SC reported on progress to date
6. Display of membership leaflets: to deliver more leaflets to Swiss Cottage Library and SC to enquire at BCL.

#### **Planning**

1. Report on planning applications: 2  
Comments/objection: 2.  
Belsize Park Gardens  
Howitt Road  
Ornan Road application which Council refused, has gone to appeal
2. HS2 House of Lords Committee hearing: PV reported that he had expressed continuing concern about lorries carrying spoil, causing severe traffic congestion and pollution. Other improvements negotiated by Camden have allayed some of the BRA's concerns.
3. Neighbourhood Plan: how to define the area to be covered by plan - no further information.
4. The Hall School planning application: BRA to object on grounds of over-development and quality of design which is unlikely to enhance the immediate surroundings.

#### **Trees**

Report on applications  
Comments/objections: 9  
3 Netherall Gardens  
18 College Crescent  
Straffan Lodge, 1-3 Belsize Grove  
45 Netherhall Gardens  
22 Belsize Park  
102 Haverstock Hill/2 Parkhill Road  
41 Buckland Crescent  
96 Haverstock Hill

94 Haverstock Hill  
20 Belsize Square  
No objections: 17

### **Publications**

1. AS email concerning Hall School planning application to be repeated in November Newsletter.
2. BT suggested informing membership via Newsletter of possibility to register to receive weekly emails from Camden, listing planning applications and parking restrictions.
3. BT has written an article on "Objecting to Planning Applications" for the Newsletter

### **Events**

1. Christmas carols - leader for 2017: NH has contacted 2 people but has received no response. SC has placed card on U3A noticeboards, not results to date, and received suggestions of 4 professional musicians to contact from leader of Belsize Community Choir.

### **Finance**

1. Accounts for October 2016: approved
2. Charitable donations: £200 given to Royal Free Hospital for Pond Street planting and £100 to Belsize Village for Christmas lights

### **Membership**

1. Membership changes in October: 7 new members
2. AS sending letter to remind members to pay by cheque and to encourage standing order payments. Second letter to request members with standing order payments to verify that bank details are correct.
3. SC to give AS additional email addresses from TYCT forms

### **Any other business**

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm

**Location:** Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens