

The Belsize Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting on Tuesday May 13, 2023 at Flat 1, 81a Belsize Park Gardens.

Present: PV (Chair); BA; DT; SC; SP; PW.

Apologies for Absence: AS; TS. (AA has stood down from the Committee).

Minutes for last meeting approved.

Finance:

- Winch/ Library Contribution: - it was agreed PV can send £500 gift from personal account initially due to BelSoc cheque access problem.
- PV awaiting responses to appeal for new Treasurer role. JB has declined. BA to kindly continue in the meantime and if no responses to current appeal July committee for next steps.
- It was agreed returns should be Quarterly not Monthly. Reminder of important date for financial returns to Charity Commissioners.

BelSoc Business:

- Queen's Canopy/Bench: It was agreed plaque for Diana Self should be both real as well as virtual. Suggested traditional type of metal plaque could be placed at rear of a bench to deter vandalism.
- Retrofitting: Responses awaited to last month's appeal. Agreed that a new article be written for next Newsletter together with an account of the real-life retrofit experiences. PV to contact resident currently installing heat pump. Also cover the Open House, highlighting that the retrofitted Sanya Polescuk Architects office is open this year. DT/SP.

Newsletter:

- Late delivery reported for previous Newsletter. Possible new assistance reported on future digital production. PV to follow up.
- Article suggestion on the kebab stall by Belsize Park Tube approved. PW.

TYCT 2023:

- New booklet planned for August. SC / PW. Request that all new paperwork be forwarded to SC by July 5. PW to contact AS.
- Management agents: In response to members' request for advice it was recommended that they be put in touch with Belsize United Tenants' Association and committee members would forward further suggested agents to be passed on. PV.
- Belsize Terrace Notice Board: Vandalism reported and recommended that a new lock be fitted. SC.

Membership:

- Three new members have joined in the past month. PV.

Events:

- Summer Party on Sunday June 18 at 3pm: arrivals recommended around 1445 to help prep party.
- Garden Flat, 17 Lambolle Road, NW3 4HS.

- Fabian Watkinson Talk on Enno Goldfinger's 2 Willow Road House date amended: 15th not 16th June.
- Historic Walks (two) on Sept 24: From Elysian Fields to Trains and Villas. End of both walks to switch to hall at St Saviour's Church. PV.

Planning:

- Key dates announced on Howitt Close including appeal on July 4. An objection has been lodged by TS who hopes to speak at the appeal. Members urged to attend. BA.

Trees:

- One objection lodged against cutting down of owner's tree.