

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020 AT 3.00PM IN BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Neil Harris, Michael Jampel, Anne Stevens, Tom Symes, Barrie Tankel, Sarah Courtin, Councillors Simons, Porritt, Cooper, and 60 or more other BRA members.

Apologies: Sanya Polescuk, Teresa Poole

1. AGM 2019 Minutes: Approved no matters arising, proposed by Michael Jampel, seconded Jill Tyrrell.

2. Presentation of the Chair's Report for 2019:

Key issues covered:

- Setting up BelSoc: Work to set up BelSoc included logo, website, setting up gift aid, etc
- Pollution monitoring project. Members maintained monthly checks for the year.
- Boundary Commission recommendations consistent with BelSoc suggestions in Camden ward
- Planning enforcement for large scale developments have been discussed with the Council
- Questions and comments on the Chair's Report included:
- Cycling and scooters on pavements.
- Rental bicycles left on pavements.
- Design and location of new bus shelters with Camden logo.
- Camden planning officer decisions and delegated decision making: recent issues.
- License for prefabs beside RCSSD expired two years ago.
- Bus stop outside Swiss Cottage tube station still closed.

3. Presentation of 2019 Accounts: Treasurer reported some one-off charges because of changeover. About 40% of members registered for Gift Aid. Suggestions for donations requested. Society will continue to have accounts independently examined.

Accounts approved nem.con, proposed by Oliver Cooper seconded by Peter Hallgarten.

4. The Chair introduced the CEO of the Winch, Rashid Iqbal, who updated the meeting about the activities of the Belsize Community Library. Highlighted focus on the library being a space to "read, create, and connect". The library receives about 400 visitors a week and the monthly events "Belsize Community Assembly" have been very successful. Also covered funding, running costs as well as other repairs to introduce new fundraising plans. The chair of BelSoc said the Society's support of the library was three-fold: sponsoring three or four talks a year, arranging events there and having a member of Friends of BCL on the committee.

5. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Jill Tyrrell was appointed nem. con for 2020, proposed by Judith Gubbay and seconded by John Stratton.

6. Election of Trustees and Committee Members for 2020/21: nine members, including four trustees stood for Committee and were elected nem. con, proposed by Judith Gubbay, seconded by Oliver Cooper.

7. Any other business: Litter outside Belsize Park station since closure of newspaper kiosk

Belsize Society Trustees and Committee Members 2019/20

Prabhat Vaze (Chair, Trustee)	Barrie Tankel (Planning, Trustee)
Sarah Courtin (Secretary)	Tom Symes (Planning)
Neil Harris (Treasurer, Trustee)	Anne Stevens (Membership Secretary, Trustee)
Teresa Poole (Local Services)	Michael Jampel (Organisation, Trustee)
Sanya Polescuk (Planning, March to December)	Anthony Isaacs (Library Link)