

# THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 3.00PM IN BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

**Present:** Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Consuelo Phelan, Michael Jampel, Sanya Polescuk, Teresa Poole, Anne Stevens, Sarah Courtin, Councillors Adams, Cooper and Higson and 70 or more other BRA members.

**Apologies:** Barrie Tankel, Councillors Porritt and Simons

1. AGM 2018 Minutes: Approved no matters arising, proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded Anthony Kay.
2. Presentation of the Chair's Report for 2018:

Key issues covered:

- Pollution Levels: BRA project to measure pollution across Belsize with results in a year's time.
- Setting up of Belsize Society as CIO.

Questions and comments on the Chair's Report included:

- 100 Avenue Road: CMP being managed by a steering committee in which the BRA is participating. This covers use of A41 for lorry movements.
- CS11: Westminster's successful Judicial Review stopping changes in Swiss Cottage gyratory.
- Issues raised by multiple developments near Eton Avenue.
- Cyclists and scooter users riding on pavements to be raised with Camden and TfL.
- Requests for updates in Newsletter about various developments, previous and forthcoming.

3. Presentation of 2018 Accounts: Treasurer reported that donations from Camden's filming unit enabled BRA to make additional donations; the deposit account would be closed pending better terms.

Accounts 2018 approved nem.con, proposed by Jonquil Stewart, seconded by Maria Higson.

4. The Chair introduced a motion asking members to dissolve the BRA and to continue its activities through the CIO Belsize Society.

A resolution to transfer finances, archives, website and assets from the Belsize Residents Association to the Belsize Society was proposed by Ken Ellis and seconded by Barrie Buzan, approved by 65 members with two abstentions.

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5. The next steps for the Society were discussed:

- The Committee would run as at present with the Trustees being part of the Committee
- Members of the BRA would become members of the Society for 2019 and 2020 membership renewals would establish 2019 BRA members were content to continue as Society members
- Developments would focus on financial arrangements such as gift aid, rebranding, increasing membership, alongside usual activities
- There was a desire to commemorate the BRA
- Members advised the Committee about potential help/support in setting up the Society.

6. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Jill Tyrrell was appointed nem. con for 2019, proposed by Leila Roy and seconded by Helen Cordell.

7. Election of Trustees and Committee Members for 2019-20: Five Trustees stood for re-election and were elected nem. con, proposed by Jill Tyrrell and seconded by Barrie Buzan; Nine members, including the five trustees stood for Committee and were elected nem. con, proposed by Janet Guthrie and seconded by Jonquil Stewart

8. Any other business:

- Local Government Boundary Commission review of boundaries for Belsize and other wards.

### **Belsize Society Trustees and Committee Members 2019/20**

Prabhat Vaze (Chair, Trustee)	Barrie Tankel (Planning, Trustee)
Sarah Courtin (Secretary)	Consuelo Phelan (Trees)
Neil Harris (Treasurer, Trustee)	Anne Stevens (Membership Secretary, Trustee)
Teresa Poole (Local Services)	Michael Jampel (Organisation, Trustee)
Sanya Polescuk (Planning)	