

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 3.00PM VIA ZOOM**

**Present:** Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Neil Harris, Michael Jampel, Sanya Polescuk, Anne Stevens, Tom Symes, Sarah Courtin, Councillors Simons, Porritt, Adams, Cooper and about-35 other BelSoc members.

**Apologies:** AC, AI, TP

1. AGM 2020 Minutes: Approved, no matters arising, proposed by Anne Stevens, seconded by Oliver Cooper

2. Presentation of the Chair's Report for 2020:

Key issues covered:

- Covid effects on Society: committee meetings moved online and the newsletter delivery became hybrid mixing hand delivery with online and postal. Many regular events cancelled.
- Pollution monitoring exercise conducted with Camden, with three of ten sites over limit. Results have proved useful to Council when judging its traffic/cycle proposals.
- The Society maintains a membership of over 500 households and this year celebrates having been active for 50 years.

Questions and comments on the Chair's Report included:

- Society position on traffic changes to Haverstock Hill including positioning of bus stops: Committee is awaiting results from trials of similar changes.

3. Presentation of 2020 Accounts: Treasurer reported increased donation receipts and asked members for ideas for Society charitable giving.

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

4. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Jill Tyrrell was appointed nem. con for 2021, proposed by Michael Jampel and seconded by Freda Hooberman Deere.

5. Election of Trustees and Committee Members for 2021/22: ten members, including four trustees stood for Committee and were elected nem. con, proposed by Terence Freedman, seconded by Tom Symes.

6. Any other business:

- Louisa Porritt reminded meeting of consultations still open (Haverstock Hill; King Henry's Road traffic changes and 02 development).

7. The Chair introduced Bob Stephenson-Padron (Penrose Care), Co-coordinator, Belsize Village Business Association (BVBA)

Bob presented "Revitalising Belsize Village and the Belsize Streatery", an initiative that he and BVBA had led, with support from the Council and Councillors, enabling successful urbanisation. The Belsize village area had declined steadily between 2014-18, in terms of its physical appeal. Trade had been affected and Bob explained how a cooperative group was started, mainly via Instagram, to promote the village area. Other initiatives were volunteer-led street litter collection. He then described the setting up of the Belsize Streatery, due to open in April 2021, He explained the context for the Streatery especially the needs of the restaurant businesses to attract trade after the pandemic-affected months and lockdown. Longer term, he explained the further co-operative steps the BVBA are looking at, such as improving business frontages.

8. The chair thanked everyone for attending, saying hopefully that next year there will be tea and cakes.

**Belsize Society Trustees and Committee Members 2020/21**

Prabhat Vaze (Chair, Trustee)	Artur Carulla (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	Anthony Isaacs (Library Link)