

Belsize Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th June 2018
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE

Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Michael Jampel, Consuelo Phelan, Sanya Polescuk, Anne Stevens, Sarah Courtin

Apologies for absence: Teresa Poole, Barrie Tankel,

Minutes of last meeting:

Minutes of May meeting: agreed

BRA business

1. BRA status: Charity Commission now reviewing February applications. BRA submission was made in March so maybe a decision in a few weeks.
2. Engaging more volunteers: discussion for supporting current volunteer groups covering newsletter deliverers, noticeboard monitors and event helpers. Additional volunteers to be sought via August Newsletter and email to members.
NB: Data Protection Policy to be adjusted to include 'lead volunteers'.
3. CIL Community Pollution Monitoring Project: BRA should know by September whether it can contribute person power for start of project next January. Camden will provide training. Agree to use the August Newsletter to alert members and recruit monitoring volunteers.
4. Camden's Transport Strategy Workshop on 4th July: BRA suggest introducing
 - i. Measures to encourage kids to walk/cycle to school to reduce congestion and pollution impact of school run.
 - ii. Improving road safety measures for pedestrians, such as anti-social cycling and scooter speeding, especially on pavements.
5. Camden public meeting re Local Transport Issues on 18th July: BRA issues include
 - i. Phasing of lights at Waitrose/Finchley Road crossing, which allows insufficient time for pedestrians to cross and ensuring same problem doesn't arise with new Swiss Cottage gyratory system. Also improve accessibility to underpasses at Swiss Cottage.
 - ii. Given changes and destruction/construction at Swiss Cottage, seek assurance that planning for any related disruption and concurrent one-off disruptions (strikes, replacement buses, etc.) is sufficient for buses to run in timely manner.
6. Secure Cycle Parking units in Upper Park Road (consultation ends 27.06.18): BRA preference is for hoop style units and will follow local preference for siting. SP to respond.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 5
2018/1802/P 72 Lawn Road
2018/1613/P 16 Eton Road
2018/1614/P 16 Eton Road
2018/0511/P 71 Eton Avenue
2018/1728/P 25 Daleham Mews
No comments: 3
2. 100 Avenue Road: awaiting date for CMP meeting.
3. Camden Planning Policy:
 - i. BRA support for Netherhall Neighbourhood Association in asking for Conservation Officers to be involved earlier in planning decisions. PV to write to Camden Planning

- ii. BRA support for Frogna and Fitzjohn's ward in writing new Conservation Area report: PV has written to Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC).
4. CIL funding: BRA believes that Belsize requires maintenance money rather than capital expenditure. NH to check how CIL money is generally spent in Camden and other boroughs.

Trees

1. Report on applications
Comments/objections: 1
27 Buckland Crescent
No comments: 7

Publications

1. Newsletter: congratulations to editor on great May newsletter
2. JF to liaise with AM re future newsletter deliveries.
3. TYCT: no response to request for new cover drawings from Newsletter note.
4. Web security: webmail now secure, website not secure but certificate to be installed within two weeks.

Events

1. Garden party (1st July, 3pm to 4.30pm): committee members attending asked to help setup at 2.30. AS & CP will do name checking. JF to contact helpers and cake makers. AS will prepare strawberries and send reminder email to members about 21st June.
5. CSSD Members' Event: offer: has been made for June/July production but not suitable for members because of school holidays. JF to ask about Autumn productions
2. Meeting with new Belsize councillors: not feasible before Autumn

Finance

1. Accounts for May 2018: agreed
2. Donation suggestions for 2018. £150 to Belsize Festival., Caris Camden Homeless Project and Camden Music Society

Membership

1. Changes in May
New members: 1

Any other business

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th July at 7.30pm

Location: 14C Belsize Square, NW3 4HT