

Belsize Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8th November 2017
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE

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

Apologies for absence: Lelia Secter

Minutes of last meeting:

Agree October minutes: agreed

BRA business

1. Belsize Remembered book launch: a successful event, attended by many BRA members. Leaflets and Newsletters were taken from stand and one card was sold.
2. Hampstead Neighbourhood plan: much emphasis on need to protect properties from damage done by basement developments and to protect veteran trees and tree lines to maintain wild life and biodiversity.
3. The Winch/BCL: new chairman has been in touch with BRA; awaiting report from LS
4. BRA status: final draft of constitution to be circulated to committee. Application for change of status to be completed and signatures of potential trustees (minimum of three) to be submitted to Charity Commission. If approved by Commission, a new entity will be set up as a charity and assets will be transferred to it from the current BRA. This can be done by donation. Before assets are transferred, BRA members will be asked to approve the change of status.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 2
2017/5284/P 2nd & 3rd Flat, 26 Primrose Gardens
2017/4653/P 3 Akenside Road - further objection after revised application which was approved under delegated powers. To be raised at meeting with councillors.
No comments: 5
2. 100 Avenue Road report on CMP meeting on 19.10.17: most traffic during 6-12 months of demolition which will start after CS11 completed. EL will try to minimise pollution and dust using modern techniques! Lay-by for HGVs to be created using bus lane on Avenue Rd which will be most used but also and controversially, Winchester Road and pedestrian area past Hampstead Theatre.
BRA given seat on consultation group. AS to attend next meeting on Wed. 15th Nov, but permanent 'coordinator' appointment to be considered.

Tree

1. Report on applications
Comments/objections: 3
Gilling Court, Belsize Grove
Belsize Court, Wedderburn Road
Avenue House, Belsize Park Gardens
No comments: 16

Publications

1. Newsletter for November: JF has sufficient material.
2. Website analytics summary: SC to consult DF re use of photos

Events

1. Councillors meeting 19th November 5-6.30: JF to circulate final agenda
2. Carol Singing: PV reported on meeting with new music leader. 2017 poster was approved, 25 copies to next meeting (SC). SP to ask Ronnie's to donate approx. 8 dozen mince pies. AS to check with Jean Seal re table & MC.

Finance

1. Accounts for October 2017: agreed
2. Christmas donations/gifts: thanks received from Belsize Festival for donation which contributes to artists' emoluments.
3. Donation to Belsize Terrace lights agreed
4. Suggestions: local shelters, foodbanks etc., specifically C4WS Homeless Project. Gift to member and previous chairman for hosting many meetings (NH)
5. Poster printing to be charged to Noticeboard rather than Printing.

Membership

1. Changes in October
New members: 3

Any other business

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm

Location: 43A Lancaster Grove, NW3 4HB