

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th January 2020
at 14C Belsize Square, NW3 4HT

Present: PV (Chair), NH, MJ, CP, SP, TP, AS, BT, SC

Two prospective members of the committee, Artur Carulla and Tom Symes, were invited to attend the meeting

Apologies for Absence: none

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of December meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. Belsize Community Library support and promotion: progress report on
 - I. Sponsorship of 3-4 events/activities in 2020: PV to discuss suitable events with librarians to be staged during April/May.
 - II. Possibility of using library for AGM: not possible, insufficient seating and facilities.
 - III. Storage of BelSoc catering equipment at BCL for £25 per month.
 - IV. Invitation for representative from Friends of BCL or maybe Librarians, to be member of committee. PV to check during January
 - V. Reminder to be put in Newsletter that the BCL newsletter may be received by email by signing up on their website. <https://thewinch.org/imagine-a-place-for-everyone/> (bottom of first page).
 - VI. TP and TS also offered to assist in supporting BCL.

Community Meetings

1. Camden Appeals & Enforcement:
 - I. Date of next meeting, due 28th January or 4th February. Camden expected to report on possibility of increasing charges for CMP to cover cost of stronger enforcement.
 - II. Control and enforcement of sites where planning applications not required (already raised with Camden by NNA). TP/PV will raise at meeting and report in February.
2. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group: Awaiting notification from Barry Coltrini of minutes from last meeting and date of next.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 1
2019/5888/P 47 England's Lane
No comments: 4
2. BT & SP explained the procedure for sharing and monitoring the weekly list of planning applications and how to raise objections, preferably by email. A map delineating the area covered is available for printing from the website. SP to revise schedule for checking application list and circulate to AC, TS, PV and SC. (List of applications reviewed and objections made (application no. and first line of address) sent each month to PV and SC)

Trees

1. Report on applications
Comments/objections: 2
Gilling Court, Belsize Grove

10 Chalcot Gardens
No comments: 6

Publications

1. Newsletter: February issue to have AGM information, article about WAC Arts building alterations (NH & SP). SP on planning alterations to listed buildings. Possible article on Royal Free Hospital developments (Pears building, Pegasus retirement apartments and Maggie's Cancerkin Centre).. Reminder for signing up to Camden for notifications of neighbourhood applications <https://contact.camden.gov.uk/planning-alerts/#/> subscribe, AS re gift aid & renewal acknowledgements, note re TYCT (SC)
2. Noticeboards:
3. TYCT:
4. Website: review of changes during past year *c/f to February*
5. Article to commemorate the BRA, (BT & PV): work in progress

Events

1. Air-Quality Volunteers Event: will be at 18.00 on 23rd January at TP's home. NH, PV, TS and CP to attend.
(NB: Camden will host event in March 2020 to announce results of survey.)
2. Carol singing: Good attendance of 80 or more people with £308 raised for Marie Curie Hospice.
3. AGM: will be on 8th March at 3.00pm in Belsize Square Synagogue. BCL to be invited to talk about their activities.
4. Annual Meeting with Councillors: to be on 16th February at 5.00pm (as 2018). AS to host. MJ gave list of possible agenda items and will circulate revised list prior to February meeting when it will be finalised.
5. New Members & Helpers event to be March.

Finance

1. Accounts for December 2019: agreed
2. End of year statement to be sent out in 7-10 days

Membership

1. Changes for December
New members: 4
2. Responses to gift aid requests: 210 to date

Any other Business

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th February 2020 at 7.30 pm.
Location: 94a Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE