

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th January 2021
via video/audio conference

Present: PV (Chair), AC, NH, MJ, SP, AS, TS, SC

Apologies for Absence: AI, TP

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of December meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. Donation policy to be updated (PV): AS to draft formal policy based on various suggestions discussed by the committee. (MJ email of 13.01.21. summarises)
2. AGM arrangements and distribution of papers (PV): to be via Zoom on Sunday, 7th March. Papers to be emailed with paper copies to members with no email. PV to ask Camden for speaker (preferably officer) re transport policy. New Trustee to be canvassed both at AGM and in newsletter.
3. Councillors' Meeting in February (PV & MJ): via zoom, 17.00-18.30 on Sunday, 14th or 21st February. SC to circulate two dates plus minutes and annotated agenda. Suggestions for new agenda requested three days after circulation,
4. Belsize Community Library update (AI): remains open on Mondays for collecting pre-ordered loans and online programme continues as shown in the regular library newsletters.
5. Friends of BCL (PV): programme of events via zoom continues with sessions booked for the third Thursdays of January, February and March. Next available dates for co-sponsorship of David Percy's talk, are 15 April and 20 May.

Community Meetings

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections:
No comments:
2. Hall school has re-submitted application for large extension. AC will spend time studying and comparing with previous application granted.
3. 31 Daleham Gardens: permission for destruction subject to more information from Camden. Decision on CLT to be employed will be in early March.

Trees

1. Tree monitoring: currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye
Comments/objections:
2. Huge number of tree applications including felling of copper beech in Lancaster Grove. Also a 'High Hedge' dispute.
3. Overhanging Foliage (MJ): no response from Council, despite chasing. *c/f to February*

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV): February issue to include revised donation policy. Contributions needed. Robert Ilson to be approached for poem. Copy required by beginning February. Distribution to be on line plus mail. AGM papers to be attached.
2. TYCT (SC): distribution of suggestion form to be separate email. 200 copies to be printed and included with mailed newsletters.
3. Noticeboards (SC): possibility of two or three new, larger posters.
4. Website (SC): DF proposal with Qs and As re possibility of online completion of membership and TYCT forms to be circulated to PV, AS, NH & MJ.

Events

1. Carol singing email: SC to ask Marie Curie to close Just Giving page.

Finance

1. Accounts for December: agreed
2. Gift aid transfer of £357 from HMRC received on Christmas Eve.
3. JT agreed to examine independently the end of year statement which NH will circulate in week or so.
4. NH to write for NL to encourage members' agreement to gift aid and reassure members no legal implication from doing so.

Membership

1. Changes for December:
New members: 3 plus 1 rejoin

Any other business

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th February at 19.30 by audio/video conference

Location: via Zoom