

The Belsize Society

Minutes for Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 9th February 2022
at 79 Lawn Road, NW3 2XB

Present: PV (Chair), BA, NH, MJ, TP, AS, TS, SC

Apologies for Absence: AC, AI, SP,

Minutes of January Meeting: agreed

Finance

1. Accounts for January: agreed

Membership

1. New members for January: 2

Events

1. New Members event on 27.02.22 at AS flat 6-7.30 (PV): .PV sending out invitations soon. Helpers from 5l30, including SC.
2. Historic Walk in May (PV): postponed to Autumn. ?Bring forward tree walk due for Autumn. *c/f to March*

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV): deliverers urgently required
2. Noticeboards (SC): CIL money about to be released. Grippit boards installed and revamped. Belsize Walk poster will be up before end February. Haverstock board perspex needs replacing. Draft poster for AGM was approved.
3. Website Membership Area: SC to circulate information to PV, AS, & NH for mini meeting 22.02.22 to discuss pages, contents and revised forms.

Planning

1. Comments/objections: 1 on Haverstock Hill
Number reviewed: ?
2. 02 Centre: TS to study application just made
3. 37 Fitzjohn's Avenue/Nutley Terrace application for 37 flats proposed in enlarged main building plus single dwelling to replace smaller rundown house. Includes building over some of large garden of which Camden usually disapproves.
4. 100 Avenue Road: EL have appealed Camden's refusal to change cladding. EL have until 18.02.22. to posit written depositions appealing Inspector's refusal to grant permission for building to proceed. This would mean a judicial review.
5. NNA: TS to meet James Sims of NNA to discuss BelSoc covering building planning applications in their area. (Tree applications already covered by BelSoc.)
6. NNA: TBS will support proposed joint Street party to celebrate Queen's Jubilee.
7. Member's email comments about Haverstock Hill cycle lanes (AS email of 07.02.22): AS to respond. Questions expected at AGM.

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 4
2022/0323/T 102 Haverstock Hill
2022/0280/T 4 Belsize Park

2022/0344/T 76 Lawn Road

2022;0379/T 79 Parkhill Road

Number reviewed: ?

2. Queen's Green Canopy (BA): meeting with councillors was very positive. BelSoc has now made CIL application, asking Camden to quote for cost of inspecting foundations for utilities at Triangle Juncture between Lancaster Grove, Eton Avenue and Lambolle Place.
3. Camden have a Tree Planting Strategy (August 2021) signed by Councillor Adam Harrison <https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/5268201/Camden+Tree+Planting+Strategy.pdf>
For Camden Tree Planning Guidance (March 2019) <https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/4823269/Trees+CPG+March+2019.pdf/985e3c70-d9a5-6ded-a5a3-3c84616f254d>
Possibility of asking Councillor Harrison to speak at AGM. SC to add links to website.

Belsize Business.

1. Annual General Meeting, Sunday, 6th March (PV): DB doing cakes, tea makers etc. AS needs a helper to check in. Helpers to arrive by 2.45. AS email to include offer for members to email questions if unable to attend. Talk after could be trees or new website Membership Area.
2. MJ resigning from committee but prepared to continue as trustee. TP taking leave of absence.
3. Nominations for committee and re-nominations for Trustees retiring on rotation (BA and MJ). SC to send nomination list to PV for notes on Trustee re-elections etc.
4. BelSoc/Councillors meeting: to be postponed, maybe until late June to meet new councillors.
5. Hustings (PV): PV to book Synagogue for 24.04.22. PV would appreciate chairman volunteers. SC to circulate TBS policy pdf.
6. Membership Fee increase: current economic climate doesn't justify increase this year. Main immediate need is for volunteers. Area of publicity needs extending at least by using BelSoc boards, BCL and others where available. Also investigate cost and feasibility of using colour in newsletter and TYCT. NH to ask about cost of advertising/publicity in local The Square magazine.
7. Other suggestions: Explore using social media, maybe ask RCSSD for volunteer to run social media site for the Society (MJ). Use Evenbrite to charge for events (PV)

Any other business: NH suggested donation of £250 towards general purposes at RFH for JT.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 9th March at 19.30

Location: TBC