

# The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 12th February 2020  
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE

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

Apologies for Absence: AC, CP, SP, BT

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of January meeting: agreed

## BelSoc Business

1. Belsize Community Library, support and promotion:
  - I. Sponsorship of 3-4 events/activities to take place in April/May: suggestions for subjects and speakers. *c/f to March*
  - II. Invitation for representative from The Winch or Friends of BCL to be member of committee, one of whom has been invited to talk about its activities at the AGM.
2. Names/initials of trustees and committee members on website: to remain as initials with exception of membership secretary. SC to add Trustee names to website (in addition to availability within constitution).
3. Trustees: MJ to notify Charity Commission of BT's resignation as of 8th March 2020.
4. **NB:** April Committee Meeting is changed to 15th April (8th is first day of Passover).

## Community Meetings

1. Camden Appeals & Enforcement: TP/PV meeting cancelled.
2. Camden Planning Committee Meeting: PV and OF of CRAAC, spoke at the meeting on planning enforcement, asking the council to consider a new funding and activity model based on those practised by other London councils. The committee will revert in six months, after its own bond method has been trialed.
3. Comments on Draft Enforcement Document, circulated 22.01.20. TP to respond to consultation by closing date of 19.02.20
4. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group: awaiting notification from Barry Coltrini of minutes from last meeting. Next meeting on 26th February. PV will try to attend

## Planning

1. Report on planning applications  
Comments/objections: 2  
2019/6070/P 17 Belsize Park Gardens  
2019/5839/P 70 Haverstock Hill  
No comments: 5
2. Two potentially large developments to be studied: NHS offices at 17 Lyndhurst Gardens to be converted to 3 large houses and Air Studios alterations.
3. Contingency planning for construction traffic to be raised at councillors meeting.

## Trees

1. Report on applications *c/f to March*  
Comments/objections:  
No comments:

## Publications

1. Newsletter: congratulations to editors for great edition. Article on U3A at Town Hall suggested for next issue

2. Noticeboards:
3. TYCT:
4. Website: review of changes during past year *b/f from January*. It was agreed that 'Publications' have an individual header page and 'Dates for your Diary' name to become 'What's On'.
5. Article to commemorate the BRA, (BT & PV): work in progress

## Events

1. Air-Quality Volunteers Event: About 20 people attended. Committee very grateful to TP for organising an excellent evening.
2. AGM on 8th March at 3.00pm in Belsize Square Synagogue. Helpers asked to arrive at 14.45. TS to help AS with checking in members . MJ to help carry boxes to venue.
3. Annual Meeting with Councillors on 16th February at 5.30 pm: Three councillors have accepted so far plus six committee members MJ to add item on management of social housing within private developments (Fire Station offering money in lieu of two units).
4. New Members & Helpers: AS and PV to discuss possible dates and AS to send PV list of invitees.

## Finance

1. Accounts for January 2020: agreed
2. External scrutiny of accounts: BelSoc subject to charity law which includes financial affairs; scrutiny of accounts is not required for turnover below £25K. Nevertheless, it was agreed that BelSoc should continue using independent examiner.

## Membership

1. Changes for January  
New members: 4 and 2 pending. About 95 have yet to pay their 2020 subscriptions.
2. Responses to gift aid requests: about six more.

## Any other Business

**Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday, 11th March at 19.30

**Location:** 79 Lawn Road, NW3 2XB