

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11th March 2020
at 79 Lawn Road, NW3 2XB

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

Apologies for Absence: SP, TP,

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of February meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. New committee appointments, dates and contacts: AI to be BCL liaison. AI and TS to be added to Dropbox; AC to be co-opted onto committee; PV has written to BM re Trees; SC to circulate list of meeting/event dates and useful contacts.
2. Trustees: MJ to notify Charity Commission of BT resignation. Appointment of fifth trustee to be confirmed in due course.
3. AGM - matters arising: subjects for emails to members:
 - i. Email to members: NH & AS to request suggestions in September, for donations and amounts, compatible with charitable objectives.
 - ii. Discussion on target amount for reserves: prior to 100 Avenue Road legal case, reserve target was £8,000. Suggested new amount £15,000 to be built up gradually, but not at expense of expenditure on activities and charitable donations.
 - iii. Email to members: requesting comments on applications for felling trees. TS to give SC Camden web address for BelSoc website. Possibility to mention in next newsletter as well.
4. Belsize Community Library, support and promotion: sponsorship of 3-4 events/activities to take place in April/May: suggestions for subjects and speakers. *b/f from February*.
 - i. AI updated committee on types of BCL events, some organised by BCL and some by library itself e.g. Bad Books Club, Public Assemblies. BCL now largely reliant on hiring of library and donations for income. BelSoc to work through FoBCL, acting for library.
 - ii. BelSoc to set up little committee for BCL events and fund-raising; to be PV, AI, TS and two others.
 - iii. Possibility of permanent page or half-page in newsletter.
5. Grants for Community Defibrillators: AS to write to Belsize Counsellor suggesting these would be good use of CiL money in appropriate locations.

Community Meetings

1. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group. Date of next meeting; Thursday, 2nd April at 18.00 - 19.30. PV will try to attend.
2. HS2 community drop-in about Adelaide Road Site on Thursday, 26th March 15.00 - 19.00. TS to attend and AS to email date to members.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 0
No comments: 2
2. Confirm email address: AS to set up new email planning@ address for use by members and applications/comments to council.
3. Camden site allocation plan issued every 5 years: TS reported main plans are for Kentish Town (Murphy yard) and Kings X. Others include BP garage on Finchley Road. and Queen Mary's House.

Trees

1. Report on applications (monitoring ing not currently available)

Comments/objections:

No comments:

Publications

1. Newsletter: possibility of article on U3A at Town Hall for next issue
2. Noticeboards:
3. TYCT: so far, more replies this year than last. AS to email about 20th March.
4. Website: changes agreed in February now complete. Changes to Events pages in hand. AI to give SC link for BCL newsletter sign up and to send notification of events for BelSoc website.
5. Article to commemorate the BRA, (BT & PV): work in progress. SC to contact BT

Events

1. New Members & Helpers: delayed due to coronavirus

Finance

1. Accounts for February 2020: agreed
2. NH to make gift aid claim to HMRC in May or June. Will report at April meeting.

Membership

1. Changes for February

New members: 6

Any other Business

SC to give TS bunch leaflets to circulate for new members

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 15th April at 19.30 (please note change of date)

Location: Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3 5TH