

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 14th April 2021
via Zoom

Present: PV (Chair), AC, NH, PH (guest), AS, TS, SC

Apologies for Absence: AI, MJ, SP, TP

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of March meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business (1)

1. Committee was pleased to co-opt and welcome new member BA who will check tree planning applications

Finance

1. Accounts for March: agreed
2. NH to transfer an amount to savings account

Membership

1. Changes for March:
New members: 4

Events

1. Summer Party: PV exploring possibility with previous garden-owner hosts. Sunday in July or August to be considered with maybe 30 visitors only.
2. New members event: maybe outside for about 30 people as above?

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV): May issue - more about 50th Anniversary; gift aid article. AH to be remembered and BA introduced; maybe SP re CLT, small para on Streatery, fifth trustee and photo of CP's tree in leaf/flower. Other articles required.
2. TYCT (SC): 30 new responses following AS email of 19.03.21. Overall decrease of 25% in contributions understandable given lockdowns. This year position in newsletter excellent, but also consider more attention-seeking treatment next year.
3. Noticeboards (SC): poster for TYCT to go up early May.
4. Website (SC): new plug in on WP enables categorisation of media library.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 3 to be checked
Eton Garages extensions
Belsize Synagogue, especially trees (closes 18.04.21.)
Belsize Park Mews, back extension
2. No comments: 14
3. 81 'Belsize Park Gardens (previously leisure centre) bought for "Alternative use".
4. Britannia hotel: minor change - putting in new tanks
5. Haverstock Hill Cycle Lanes: no change
6. 02 centre: (AC) substantial redevelopment, owned by Landsec for some time, using architects HRM. Initial application shows footprint but not height; 100 residential units

proposed which is quite high density and indicates height of 8-10 storeys. Limited impact on any neighbouring properties. To be checked: gains for residents, should be 35% affordable, community buildings and green open space; upgrade of Finchely Road station. Consultation could start in 9-12 months

7. Hall school re-submitted application: TS commented mirroring those of local resident AK.

Trees

1. Tree monitoring:

Comments/objections: 3

2021/1581/T 79 Belsize Park Gardens

2021/1435/T 23A Glenilla Road

2021/1260/T 31 Lambolle Road

No comments: many, largely for cutting back/pollarding

BelSoc Business (2)

1. Fifth Trustee - request to be in May newsletter
2. Proposed coordination with Belsize Village Business Association: (PV) on hold
3. Belsize Community Library update (PH): library now open Mondays and Tuesdays. No budget for books. Finances still fragile but okay until July.
4. Friends of BCL (PH): Talk by Nikki Morris, CEO for Age UK Camden

Community Meetings

Any other business: OF, who coordinates residents committees, wishes to restart discussions with Camden concerning payment system for enforcement of conditions for large developments. Examples requested of where enforcement not happening, TS will check site in Upper Park Road.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th May at 19.30

Location: via Zoom

Join May Zoom Meeting