

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 13th May 2020
via video/audio conference

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

Apologies for Absence: AI, SP,

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of April meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. General update - PV asked members for contributions: AC attended Camden planning committee meeting and learned that lamp post alerts for local applications can be discontinued in favour of social media (21 day consultation period is statutory nationally). TP said that local authorities can allow building sites work until 21.00 from Mondays to Saturdays in residential areas (no time limit). PV to ask SP to contact council re continuing to place notices on lamp posts or to revert to writing to neighbours, as well as limiting permissions for increase of working hours on building sites, especially in conservation areas. BelSoc to suggest members be alert to planning applications and local building site activity (link to planning alerts on website under 'Useful Websites' and in 'News & Issues Archive').
2. Charity Commission: AS and MJ to work on an official Conflict of Interest statement. *c/f to June.*
3. Camden Air Quality Survey - TP update of queries on survey results for Tom at Camden: May NL to have note on progress with full article in August issue.
4. Belsize Community Library update: N/C

Community Meetings

1. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group: next CWG meeting Thursday, 14th May at 18.00 by video conference. Probably little to report.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 2
2020/0737/P Flat 3 40 England's Lane
2020/0899/P 12 & 14 Maresfield Gardens
No comments: 12
2. Planning email address now set up. email addresses to be removed from website, leaving chair@, info@ membership@ and TYCT@ only.

Trees

1. Tree monitor: request for volunteers in May newsletter with followup email by AS.
2. Report on applications: monitoring currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye.

Publications

1. Newsletter: features on coping in isolation, trees, AGM, plus note that link to newsletter on website will be emailed to members with email and posted to those without email and TYCT to be distributed with August newsletter.
2. TYCT: to have final check before going to printer in August. 15% fewer entries with 30% decrease in new entries. Is this influenced by 'Check a Trade" and *Which* 'Trusted Trader' schemes?
3. Noticeboards: little activity
4. Website: little activity

Events

1. General update : nil except public liability insurance to be renewed as usual.

Finance

1. Accounts for April 2020: agreed
2. interest rate on savings account reduced from .75% to .60%.
3. AS to ask members to check whether they have standing orders.
4. Distribution of donation by film company: NH to report in 2 weeks.
5. BelSoc to increase donations this year because of Covid 19 situation.

Membership

1. Changes for April
New members: none, but occasional-subscription renewals.

Any other business

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th June at 19.30 by audio conference

Location: N/A