

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 14th June 2022
at Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3 5TH

Present: PV (Chair), BA, NH, SP, AS, DT, SC

Apologies for Absence: AC, TS

Minutes of last Meeting

1. May: agreed

Belsize Business.

1. Neighbourhood Plan (DT): PV and DT had meeting with Alex Nichol, chair of Hampstead Forum to glean information for a possible Belsize Forum.
 - a. Taking four years, HF produced a Vision Statement and the topics were then integrated into the plan. AN's advice was to have an expert on each subject, as well as a website producer, illustrator; he noted that consultants - funded from Camden mainly - helped to write the Plan and there was public consultation. Worth noting that 25% of CIL money for area covered is available for Forum to use.
 - b. AS added that the committee should include councillors, local businesses and other activities. It is also necessary to distribute explanatory postcards, and questionnaires to local residents.
 - c. Benefits were developing policies with a local context, then cited in planning decisions and providing controls over developments.
 - d. NH proposed this should be discussed at councillors meeting, possibly to include just a few categories such as planning, all matters green, pollution and schools.
 - e. PV and DT to list potential groups such as businesses (BVBA, Budgeons) and schools for meetings to obtain views on viability and usefulness. (See also point 5)
2. Camden Clean Air Action Plan 2022-26 (PV): seeking views/meeting during July as plan for Camden developed and keen to engage with residents. PV to invite council officer to attend July meeting
3. Current Council Consultations (DT): Consultation on Belsize e-scooter trial.
4. Arrangements for Observer members on Committee: AI has resigned from the committee. Representatives of local businesses and amenities to ask to attend committee meetings, starting with BCL. Future could include BVBA, Schools (PV & DT to ask when meeting about Forum).

Finance

1. Accounts for May: Agreed

Membership

1. New members in May: none

Events

1. Councillors meeting (PV): revised date possibly September and location tbc. (PV to do initial invitations and organise agenda etc with DT.)
2. Summer Party on 19.06.22., Garden Flat, 17 Lambolle Road: AS & SC to make cakes. AS to check in. AS, NH, DT, and SC to arrive 2.45 to help set up (and clear up). Previous chairmen, HS and HC may say few words as well as PV. AS to email reminder to members.
3. Historic walk (PV): SC to confirm BCL 3-6 on 25.09.22

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV):
2. Noticeboards (SC): explained current monitoring arrangements
3. TYCT (SC):
4. Website Membership Area (PV):

Planning

1. Comments/objections: 1
2022/0973/P 72 Fitzjohn's Avenue
Number reviewed: 7
The number of planning applications continues to be very low.
SC to ask TS about bin enclosure application in Belsize Village
2. 100 Avenue Road: The appeal by Essential Living seeking to change (downgrade the quality) the external cladding material at the 100 Avenue Road development has been permitted sadly and it does look as if they are going to press ahead.
3. England's Lane launderette (TS): PV to ask SP to do application to make Asset of Community Value
4. 02 Centre redevelopment application (TS). BelSoc report. *(c/f to July)*.

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 3
2022/2173/T 8 Belsize Square, NW3 4HT
2022/2207/T 8 Belsize Park Gardens NW3 4LD
2022/2263/T 7 Maresfield Gardens, NW3 5SJ
Number reviewed: ?

Any other business: TfL consultation on bus route changes: 31 & 24 may be abolished, no direct bus to Oxford Circus and other significant changes. Crossing to BSP tube abolished.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 12th July at 19.30

Location: 14c Belsize Square, NW3 4HT