

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th June 2020
via video/audio conference

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

Apologies for Absence: AC, AI, SP

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of May meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. General update: little new of import.
2. PV will write to council re continuing to place planning 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.
3. Members to be alerted to 2 above in due course, maybe via newsletter and website. Possibility of also using newsletter/website to give general planning updates.
4. DoE appeal appeal to planning inspector re Abacus school: no response from BelSoc.
5. Charity Commission - Conflict of Interest statement, *b/f from May*:
Additions/alterations suggested:
 - Trustees and committee members should declare interest when discussing grants and donations to other bodies.
 - Some clauses also apply to members; members to be informed in next newsletter.AS to send final document to SC for inclusion on website under Policies.
6. HS2 works in Adelaide Road (AS email of 27.05.20): PV to post on website.
7. Belsize Community Library update: AI reported possibility of doing something online and maybe physically opening soon. Committee to email AI with suggestions for activities.

Community Meetings

1. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group:

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 2
2020/1176/P - 77 Belsize Lane
2020.1106/P. .5 Lawn Road
2020/0737/P - England's Lane - objection withdrawn
No comments: 17

Trees

1. Tree monitoring: currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye
2. Report on applications:
Request by neighbour, for copper beech in Daleham Gardens to be felled. PV to respond to council by 11.06.20 (closing date)

Publications

1. Newsletter: 354 emailed, 160 posted. Members commented on first week's stats.

2. TYCT:
3. Noticeboards: existing BelSoc posters sunburnt and faded; replacements with some changes, to be printed and displayed.
4. Website: as agreed, all email addresses removed except Chair, Info, Membership and TYCT. Discussion about location of Walks & Trees page.

Events

1. General update :.Insurance to be renewed immediately
2. MJ suggested asking BM to do an Autumn walk about trees

Finance

1. Accounts for May 2020: agreed
2. Donations: it was agreed that £500 from film company be donated to Chalk Farm Food Bank, and £250 to Camden Adult Care. Further requests for donations to be in August newsletter and intention noted, to donate generously in Autumn period, as part of BelSoc charitable objectives.

Membership

1. Changes for May
New members: 3

Any other business

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th July at 19.30 by audio conference

Location: N/A