

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021
via Zoom

Present PV (Chair), BA, NH, AS, TS, SC

Apologies for Absence AC, AI, MJ, SP, TP,

Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of May meeting: agreed

Finance

1. Accounts for May: agreed
2. FP donated £100 stamps for NL distribution. NH to send thanks
3. Donation of £250 to BCL needs nominee/transfer details

Membership

1. New members for May: 1 and many renewals received

Events

1. Summer Party: (PV and AS) If restrictions lifting delayed, discussion around organising via Eventbrite (email to members, limited to 30 people) or delay until restrictions removed. Decision in conjunction with hosts, post government announcement on 14.06.21.
2. New members event: small event 01.08.21 at AS flat. Takes approx 2 weeks to organise so decision at July meeting.
3. Historic walks: suggested dates 12 or 19.09.21. by AN. Approach BCL re ending walk there with tea and cakes.
4. PV re DP event around his recent book for members at BCL: early November with film. (equipment partly from BelSoc donation and partly rented). To be BelSoc 50th birthday event for members and guests, including previous chairmen & committee members. Alcohol rule at BCL to be checked.

Publications

1. Newsletter: August issue to have pieces on Autumn walk and BelSoc contribution to Queens Green Canopy.
2. TYCT: no responses so far to email re printing error
3. Website: progress on discussions with Direction Forward re design, implementation and costing. *c/f to July*

Planning

1. Comments/objections:
Camden has refused applications for Belsize fire station drying-tower flat.
2. Seven applications to be checked and two appeals on Belsize Park Gardens and Haverstock Hill.

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 4
2021/2575/T 1 Belsize Park
2021/2548/T 63 Primrose Hill Road

2021/2587/T Eton Court, Eton Avenue

2021/2547/T 10 Adamson Road

2. Tree planting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 (<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>):-
BA to contact Camden Tree Officer. Ideas include planting small copse; using to mark Belsoc 50th Birthday; repair and replacements for Adelaide Nature Reserve following damage by HS2; possibility of using part of Consuelo's donation (£370) if not required for exterior of RFH hotel.

Any other business:

1. AS raised issue of use of land round 02 centre redevelopment.
2. Enforcement of conditions for large developments: PV and OF talking to Camden officers re current feelings on enforcement issues. Will send two page note to officers, also enquiring about other councils views and actions.
3. Abacus School has found permanent site near Haverstock School, entrance from Prince of Wales Road. Raises question of future for police station, now being sold by DoE.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 14th July at 19.30 (PV to host if restrictions removed)

Location: via Zoom