

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 8th July 2020
via video/audio conference

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

Apologies for Absence: AI, MJ, SP,

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of June meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. Funeral and tree/bench memorial for Consuelo Phelan: contributions for commemorative tree to GoFundMe online. Councillor TS will help with approach to council for planting tree with plaque and maybe ask tree officers where there are spaces for new trees. Committee suggestion was Primrose Gardens. AS and PV to progress
2. Any comments on Transport Consultation and Sreatery in Belsize Village. BelSoc is supportive of the project. SC to write to Belsize Village Business Association re poster.
3. 100 Avenue Road construction suspension: PV to ask CRASH, JS and Winch for thoughts of any action, including potential renegotiation of social contracts. Next EL video meeting due on 23.07.20.?
4. Belsize Community Library update: possibility of opening in September with same librarian.

Community Meetings

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 5
2020/1548/P - 35 Upper Park Road
2020/1453/P - 10 Adamson Road
2020/0929/P - 81 Belsize Park Gardens (conversion of gym to nursery)
2020.1314/P. - 12 Lancaster Grove
2020/2085/P - Basement flat, 30 Upper Park Road
No comments: 9

Trees

1. Tree monitoring: currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye
Comments/objections: 1
2020/2196/T Copper Beech in Daleham Gardens
2. Many current tree applications, almost double normal but mainly for reducing. Previous BelSoc policy has been to object mainly against felling trees, unless they are diseased.

Publications

1. Newsletter: August items; pollution monitoring; CHRT Stephenson Walk; obituary for Consuelo (AS); Gift aid reminder & increase of donations (NH); planning update 750 words (TS). TYCT paragraph (SC). Texts required by 06.07.20.
2. TYCT: 2 new entries. To be checked prior to printing (at distributor by 13.08.20.)
3. Noticeboards: New posters in place on Village board. SC to write re Haverstock board.

4. Website: New articles on trees and Camden Railway Heritage Trail. Main changes to page positions and titles done, but details to be completed. Thereafter, all links to be checked.

Events

1. General update:
2. JF to approach BM re Autumn tree walk, pending changes to social distancing rules.
3. Carols: MW to continue as music director. No confirmed date, pending social distancing rules.

Finance

1. Accounts for June 2020: agreed
2. Donations: £250 to be donated to local Marie Curie Hospice.

Membership

1. Changes for June
New members: 1

Any other business

1. Cycling: Covid-19 speeding up investment into cycling by Camden, TfL and others. TS keen that BelSoc be active re cycling developments.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 9th September at 19.30 by audio conference

Location: N/A