

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021
via Zoom

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

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

Minutes of June Meeting: agreed

Finance

1. Accounts for June: agreed
 - a. Donation of £250 to BCL which also needs books.
 - b. NH to propose 2021 donations in September
 - c. £2,000 transferred from current to savings account

Membership

1. New members for June: 3

Events

1. New members event: to be 01.08.21 at AS flat at 18.00 or 18.15. AS to send list of new members since early 2020 to PV who will send invitations.
2. Historic walks: (PV) confirmed date 19.09.21, starting 15.00. PV to confirm with AN & MJ who will help. PV & NH to act as marshals. SC to confirm with BCL/Winch & organise poster with 20 copies (take to September meeting).
3. DP event around his recent book: (PV) booked for 04.11.21. Combine with BelSoc 50th birthday event for members and guests. Maybe reservations via Eventbrite as maximum 50 people. Time, duration and set up arrangements to be confirmed to BCL and alcohol rule to be checked. *c/f to September.*

Publications

1. Newsletter: August issue (copy date 16.07.21) to include Autumn walk details and DP talk information (PV); Queens Green Canopy (BA); TYCT error sheet to be enclosed with NL(SC); proposals for 02 centre redevelopment, 100 Avenue Road appeal, etc (TS). Archive planning item (PV).
2. TYCT:
3. Website: next stage of development with Direction Forward. SC to set up Zoom meeting for PV, AS, NH & SC with DF during first two weeks of August (18.00 or 18.30)

Planning

1. Comments/objections:
b/f from June: Seven applications to be checked and two appeals on Belsize Park Gardens and Haverstock Hill. (TS)
2. 100 Avenue Road appeal (TS): Essential Living are appealing Camden's refusal to remove the social housing obligation from their planning permission. Camden's social housing policy was a key reason for planning permission and associated conditions being granted by the Inspector and the Secretary of State. Camden's policies have not changed since - although the CNJ has recently reported that it appears that Camden has recently been exempting developers from any social housing obligations.

3. Use of land around O2 centre redevelopment: proposed Zoom meeting for local associations interested in the use of the O2 centre site on 27.07.21. at 19.30 via zoom. TS aims to attend and will consult AC because of his expertise on such issues.
4. Future of police station: no new information
5. Enforcement of conditions and CMPs for large developments (PV): the group of local residents' associations attempting to improve Camden's policies has contacted a senior official and the Camden Cabinet member with responsibility for enforcement to set up a meeting.

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 4
2021/3154/T 5 Belsize Mews
2021/3349/T 27 Buckland Crescent
2021/3243/T 21 Daleham Gardens
2021/3249/T 3 Wedderburn Road
2. Council who mostly refuse felling applications, have allowed this for the London plane in Glenilla Road. It is understood this may be because of subsidence related liabilities.
3. Tree planting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: BA reported on contact with Camden Tree Officer. Potential locations: repair and replacements for Adelaide Nature Reserve following damage by HS2 (NB. The reserve can be seen from a local surgery.) 1-2 trees at corner Haverstock Hill and Belsize Grove. Belsize Terrace extension). All committee members asked to check other spaces.

Any other business:

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 8th September at 19.30

Location: Face to face at AS or via Zoom