

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 8th September 2021
via Zoom

Present: PV (Chair), NH, SC (no quorum so decisions carried over)

Apologies for Absence: BA, AC, AI, MJ, SP, TP, TS, AS

Minutes of June Meeting: agree next meeting

Finance

1. Accounts for July and August: agree next meeting
2. 2021 donations proposals(NH):
 - BCL £250 paid - second donation for books has NH support
 - The Winch - for flooding
 - RFH: 2020 donation for Pears' extension garden, seemingly not usedNH and PV to consult then NH to circulate list including above, requesting any additional contributions from committee so final list is confirmed at October meeting.
3. SC to contact The Winch re receipt of payment for room hire.

Membership

1. New members for July and August: 5

Events

1. New members' August event: (PV & AS) 7 attendees resulting in two possible volunteers including one for Newsletter.
2. Volunteers: PV to talk to MJ re using Next Door website for new volunteers.
3. Historic walks (PV): PV, MJ, NH, AS & AN to meet 2.45 on Belsize Terrace. Numbers to be checked (only 50 permitted for tea in BCL).
4. DP event (PV): booked for 04.11.21 with BelSoc 50th birthday event for members and guests. Reservations via Eventbrite (maximum 50 people). Booking confirmed 17.00 setup, 19.00 talk, 20.30 50th Birthday celebration, 9.30 clear up. *c/f to October.*

Publications

1. Newsletter: August issue published and committee members complimented and thanked editors.
2. Website: proposed development of members area with Direction Forward (AS email of 16.08.21). *c/f to October*

Planning

1. Comments/objections:
2. HS2 Adelaide Road head house, compound and landscaping (SP to attend meeting 15.09.21) *c/f to October*
3. 100 Avenue Road appeal (TS): Essential Living appeal against Camden's refusal to remove the social housing obligation from their planning permission. Appeal due in November. *c/f to October*
4. Use of land around 02 centre redevelopment Zoom meeting of 27.07.21: (TS & AC) *c/f to October*
5. Enforcement of conditions and CMPs for large developments: meeting with Camden: (PV) ??????????

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 3
2021/3975/T 112 Haverstock Hill
2021/3895/T 11 Buckland Crescent
2021/3522/T Provost Court, Eton Road
2. BA keeping watch on developments at Camden Arts Centre on controversial proposals to fell several trees (incl a few dead/damaged trees) and carry out extensive pruning of trees & shrubs, as response to subsidence. Robust objections from Redington Frogna! Neighbourhood Forum & others, challenging whether trees are responsible for subsidence.
3. Queen's Green Canopy: 4 possible areas identified and emailed to Camden tree officer for comments, (out of office until 6 September).
 - I. Triangular island at junction of Eton Ave/Lancaster Grove/Eton Garages/Lambolle Place (across road from Sarum Hall School). Currently has one mature tree and a bench; a cluster of cherry trees would transform the site into a small park and much enhance its character.
 - II. The broad pavement on Haverstock Hill at the corner with Belsize Grove has space for one or two extra trees.
 - III. Corner of England's Lane and Antrim Road - space for tree outside cafe/restaurant. If the tree were a shady variety with branches starting high enough it could be welcomed by the cafe.All three locations above have problems with air quality, with at times unsafe levels of NO2, and the planting of additional trees would support other measures being taken by Camden Council to improve air quality.
 - IV. Part of Belsize Terrace - dig up part of the road and plant a small copse incorporating a natural-style children's play area.
4. Committee suggests these four proposals should be taken forward to the three Belsize Councillors to route through to appropriate Camden department.

Any other business:

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 13th October at 19.30

Location: 14C Belsize Square, London NW3 4HT