

# The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th October 2020  
via video/audio conference

**Present:** PV (Chair), AC, NH, AI, MJ, AS, TS, SC

**Apologies for Absence:** SP, TP,

**Minutes of last Meeting:**

Minutes of September meeting: agreed

## BelSoc Business

1. Memorial for Consuelo Phelan (AS): Belsoc & family to plant three metre high Mountain Ash along Belsize Park in November with ashes close by. Only six people can attend service/ planting. Thanks to AS & NH for organising.
2. Streatery in Belsize Village (NH): positive reaction from Camden so license extended to 02.01.21. using CIL monies. Heaters will be used as necessary.
3. Transport: Haverstock Hill bicycle lanes; Cycle hangers in Belsize Ave and Belsize Sq (TP)  
Comment by non member restaurant owner on Haverstock Hill that physical barrier between cycle lane & cars for parking to drop off will adversely affect his business.
4. Managing day to day communications (PV).
5. Belsize Community Library update (AI): "Support Us" section on website includes donations specifically for BCL
6. Friends of BCL (AI):  
New email address bcltalks@yahoo.com  
Response to first online talk better than physical presence pre Covid.  
Future talk: Karin Fernald on English women and the French Revolution on Thursday, 19th November at 19.30. via Zoom.

## Community Meetings

1. 14.10.20. Greenpeace meeting re Green Recovery & future of Transport in Camden: (TP)

## Planning

1. Report on planning applications  
Comments/objections: 1  
2020/3150?P 5 Lawn Road  
No comments:
2. Camden consultation on two CPG drafts: SP has responded

## Trees

1. Tree monitoring: currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye  
Comments/objections:  
Number of tree applications increasing, possibly effect of greater use of gardens.  
Ash trees really suffering from dieback, both on Heath and in gardens

## 3.Publications

1. Newsletter (PV): items on NW3CLT (SP) Streatery (NH), require one more article.  
Subscription letter, perhaps mentioning gift aid, to be included in envelope.
2. TYCT (SC)

3. Noticeboards (SC)
4. Website (SC)

## Events

1. Possible events via Zoom (PV):
  - David Percy talk on recent book in BCL and via Zoom (thanks to Friends of BCL) on 21st January 2021.
  - Talk by Tom Parkes re air quality results via Zoom
  - Autumn treewalk???
  - AGM plans to be discussed
2. Carols: Committee approved a retainer to MW (£150)
3. Committee supported idea of Christmas email to members who have provided email addresses. The email partly to encourage donations to Marie Curie. Could be replicated by poster on noticeboards for community at large and an extract on homepage of website. PV to contact MC. SC to organise email/poster design.

## Finance

1. Accounts for September: agreed
2. Donations: £1000 donated so far (to Camden Giving, Marie Curie & Chalk Farm Food Bank). To be directed towards Covid related assistance in Belsize and to include RFH/Pears Building as above. NH to make/ask for suggestions one week before November meeting
3. Gift aid claim to be made by end October (of 220 responses, 180 will gift aid=£450). Perhaps item of encouragement in Feb newsletter. AS, NH and SC to check membership form.

## Membership

1. Changes for September:
  - New members: 2
  - 9 renewing members

## Any other business

**Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday, 11th November at 19.30 by audio/video conference  
**Location:** N/A