

The Belsize Society

Minutes (revised) of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 10th November 2021
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE & optionally via Zoom

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

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

Minutes of October Meeting: agreed

Finance

1. Accounts for October: agreed
2. BCL (PV): AI would appreciate donation from BelSoc towards new blinds, first estimate of cost £2700. PV to suggest AI contact DP re contribution of a "paid-for" streaming November presentation in aid of BCL funds, once the free BelSoc streaming which has already been agreed, has concluded
3. 2021 donations (NH):
Agreed:
 - a) £400 (residue of Consuelo Phelan memorial funds) to Royal Free Charity for enhanced planting for Pears Building terraces etc. to be given without further conditions.
 - b) Promise of £250 towards cost of replacing blinds in BCL, to be given when balance has been raised.
4. NH will circulate list of further proposed donations to include; The Hive, Primrose Hill food bank and Belsize Village lights.
5. Reimbursement of £250 to DP towards costs of additional equipment for presentations etc.

Membership

1. New members for October: 5
2. Individual subscription renewal request letters being distributed with November newsletter.

Events

1. Account of DP talk/5th Decade celebration at BCL(PV): DP presentation to be streamed from TBS website between 20.12.21. and 06.01.22 inclusive
2. Carol Singing arrangements (PV): Marie Curie equipment for donations to be collected 16/17th December and electricity/awning will be available. SC to provide poster for next meeting.
3. Proposed events for 2022: new members in January, Historic walk in May and Tree walk in September.
4. DB will take on organising of events from January 2022.

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV):
2. Noticeboards (SC): PH is temporarily monitoring Haverstock board. All locks to be checked, costing approx £60. SC to contact Councillor TS for CIL money contribution to move one of two Belsize Walk posters from Belsize board to Haverstock board and replace magnetic fixing boards with Grippit fixtures. Very rough estimate is £600 for fixtures and £150-£200 for labour.
3. Website Members Area development (SC): AS to check membership form for membership area, including subscription preferences following fee being payable online.

4. Membership Leaflet (SC): Remaining quantities of leaflet from AS 200, SC 50, PV and NH plenty so reprint not yet necessary but may become so with payment changes.

Planning

1. Comments/objections:
2. 100 Avenue Road appeal (TS): TS reported on first and second day of inquiry; both he and two Camden witnesses made their cases. EL finance information discredited by Camden barrister but seems unlikely EL will write off £35M already spent. Clause 106 sections being updated between EL and Camden. EL final statement on afternoon of 12th. Inspectors decision likely to take 2 months.
3. Howitt Close (BA): some 70 objections made to council, including 20th C. Society. deadline for objections 17.11.21.

Trees

1. Comments/objections: 5
2021/5280/T 17 Fitzjohn's Avenue
2021/4943/T 39 Eton Avenue
2021/5170/T 1 Steele's Road
2021/5100/T 20 College Crescent
2021/5346/T 13 Daleham Gardens
2. Queen's Green Canopy: 4 possible areas identified (see September minutes) c/f to December.

Belsize Business

1. Would request for volunteers on Next Door be worthwhile : the consensus was 'no'.
2. New community magazine 'In the Square' - NH proposed interview(NH): no response yet but PV met editor at DP event.

Any other business:

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

Location: Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3 5TH & Zoom