

# The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th November 2019  
at 94A Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE

Present: PV (Chair), NH, MJ, SP, AS, SC

Apologies for Absence:, CP, TP, BT

NB: The first part of the meeting was chaired by AS

## Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of October meeting: agreed

## BelSoc Business

1. Belsize Community Library: PV reported on discussion with Al of Friends of BCL concerning BelSoc support for BCL generally. The committee agreed that sponsorship would be appropriate and would take the form of a one-off donation in this financial year and regular monthly donations throughout 2020. We would wish to ensure that our donations are not absorbed into the general running costs of the Library's parent body. The principle of additionality is particularly important; that BelSoc money does not replace funds committed by the parent body or other sources. We therefore felt it advisable to attach BelSoc sponsorship specifically to a regular aspect of the library's activities, such as community engagement meetings or educational or cultural events. SC and possibly PV to discuss proposed activities and/or events with the librarian currently responsible for them and to report back to committee.
2. Boundary Commission recommended changes: committee agreed PV letter to Commission in which he supported final proposals as 'much more sensible'.
3. New Bus Shelters have no space for very helpful time-indicator boards. Smart phones now only method and not suitable for many, including elderly (photos attached): PV or TP to write to TfL and Camden.

## Community Meetings

1. Camden Local Transport: NH to obtain copy of minutes, particularly of those relating to visitor parking permits and bus services/indicator boards.
2. Camden Appeals & Enforcement: PV reported on meeting of 6.11.19 where person responsible for CMP system discussed possibility of increasing charges for CMPs, then using increased funds for enforcement. Council will review, including finding necessary resources, and result will be presented at next quarterly meeting in January 2020.
3. 100 Avenue Road Construction Working Group: revised CMP for construction (rather than demolition). Committee supported PV's response of 03.11.19. with addition of SP's contribution.

## Planning

1. Report on planning applications  
Comments/objections: 5  
2019/4581/P 18 England's Lane  
2019/4604/P 36 Lancaster Grove  
2019/4411/P 49 Belsize Lane  
2019/3948/P 47D Netherhall Gardens  
2019/4143/P 11 Belsize Crescent  
No comments: 4

2. Email address for planning monitors: SP agreed to suggestion for BelSoc address to be used by all planners & PV for commenting on applications. Planners to continue sending list to SC for inclusion in meeting agendas/minutes.

### **Trees**

1. Report on applications  
Comments/objections: nil  
No comments: 20

### **Publications**

1. Newsletter: will be distributed from 15.11.19.
2. Noticeboards: Further unforeseen expenditure agreed for repair of Village noticeboard magnetic holders (£250 in all).
3. TYCT:
4. Website: items for posts will be welcomed by SC
5. Article to commemorate the BRA, (BT & PV): work in progress

### **Events**

1. Autumn events: date and venue for air quality volunteers - PV to discuss with TP, prior to December meeting.
2. Carol singing arrangements: AS to contact CP re Marie Curie; electricity/awning okay; PV to bring table and contact MW re song sheets. Poster design agreed; 20 copies required. Display on website now, display on noticeboards and interiors from 01.12.19. Exterior posters to be displayed following December meeting.
3. Annual Meeting with Councillors: date, venue and agenda. *c/f December*
4. Result of AS approach to JS to manage events and/or catering. *c/f December*

### **Finance**

1. Accounts for October 2019: agreed
2. Documents requested by HMRC, in relation to Gift Aid, have been sent.
3. Donations: NH proposals agreed except Village lights contribution to be £150.

### **Membership**

1. Changes for October  
New members: 1

### **Any other Business**

1. Two new planning monitors are happy to join committee and PV will invite them to attend December meeting.

**Date of next Meeting:** Wednesday, 11th December 2019 at 7.30 pm.

**Location:** 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3 5TH