

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 11th November 2020
via video/audio conference

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

Apologies for Absence: AI

Minutes of last Meeting:

Minutes of October meeting: agreed

BelSoc Business

1. Consuelo Phelan (AS): tree to be planted week of 15th November with ashes being laid a few days later. TS to video for family.
2. SP has resigned from the committee planning group in view of potential conflicts of interest but will remain on the committee.
3. Visitor Parking Permits (MJ): scratchcards for visitor parking permits still available but instructions not obvious on council website. Note to be added to BelSoc website.
4. Belsize Community Library update (AI): nil
5. Friends of BCL (AI): Friends happy to co-sponsor David Percy's talk. PV to manage.

Community Meetings

1. Report on Greenpeace meeting re Green Recovery & future of Transport in Camden: (TP): Three groups spoke: Camden Clean Air Initiative, Cyclists and Climate Emergency Camden. TP to do short article for website and newsletter and send link to Tom Parkes for inclusion in talk.
2. Winch Covid catchup meeting via Zoom (PV): mainly concerned lessons from Lockdown 1 to help children & young people with Lockdown 2. Schools were represented with much talk about food support. LibDem councillors also attended.

Planning

1. Report on planning applications
Comments/objections: 4
2020/3896/P 33 Primrose Hill Road
2020/4156/P Lowlands, 2-6 Eton Avenue
2020/4370/P Flat A 25 Maresfield Gardens
2020/3717/P2020/P Camden Goods Yard, Chalk Farm Road
No comments: 3
Lists 605 and 606: TS to consider application for 81 Belsize Park Gardens. No comments on remaining six applications..

Trees

1. Tree monitoring: currently unavailable but TS keeping watchful eye
Comments/objections:
2. Overhanging trees and bushes (MJ): send photograph and location to streetworks@camden.gov.uk. Email address not on Camden website and not to be publicised! If phoning, ask for option 6, then trees, then trees on public land.

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV):.subscription letter included in newsletter envelopes for different types of delivery; 196 to be posted shortly and 320 to be delivered later but for which members will meanwhile receive email link to the newsletter on our website.
2. TYCT (SC): about 30 more required. SC to contact printer
3. Noticeboards (SC)
4. Website (SC)

Events

1. Talk via Zoom by Tom Parkes re air quality results 25.11.20 at 18.00 (PV): note in newsletter and on website to contact info@ for zoom link. AS to email alert to members on 18.11.20. TP to send draft email to AS.
2. Carols: replacement email and Marie Curie donations. Final decision at December meeting,

Finance

1. Accounts for October: agreed
2. Donations (NH): Camden Giving (administered by local communities) to receive £500; RFH Charities discretionary fund to receive £250; Belsize Village lights to receive £150.
3. AC suggested Committee should decide donation framework & policy guidelines, including amounts and priorities, possibly then to be discussed at next AGM. SP would like more directional and local donations. Decisions for following year to be made at November meetings.

Membership

1. Changes for October:
New members: 2 plus 3 renewals

Any other business

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 9th December at 19.30 by audio/video conference

Location: Zoom link TBC.