

The Belsize Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Wednesday 8th December 2021
at Flat 1, 20 Netherhall Gardens, NW3 5TH & Zoom

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

Apologies for Absence: AI, TP, TS

Minutes of November Meeting: agreed

Finance

1. Accounts for November: agreed
2. 2021 donations (NH): agree balance of donations 2021
Already agreed: Promise of £250 towards cost of replacing blinds in BCL, to be given when balance has been raised.
3. Comments on proposals:
 - a. C4WS Homeless Project: consensus that area covered is all Camden, so Belsize included.
 - b. Heywoods for Belsize village lights & hanging baskets: Reduced from £250 to £200 (2020: £150).
 - c. All others agreed.
4. Final annual amounts: 2021=£2100, 2020=£1900 (excluding CP legacy: 2021=£1700, 2020=£1400)
5. Independent Examination of Accounts: the Trustees have decided that an Independent Examiner for the accounts is to be appointed, although this is not a legal requirement. They will seek to identify a suitable candidate, (who does not have to be qualified accountant) who will have to be approved at the AGM. In consequence the accounts for 2021 will not be independently examined. This will to be explained at the AGM. with replacement volunteers welcomed. (Trustees must verify suitable candidate).

Membership

1. New members for November: 1

Events

1. Carol Singing arrangements (PV): SC to collect Marie Curie equipment 16/17th December; Donation collectors on 18th: NH, AS and one more; PV to contact MW re song sheets and NH to organise fee of £150; SP to check booklets: PV to provide table. Mince pies: AS and SC to supply 24 each. Attendees: PV, SP, AS, NH and possibly BA and SC.

Publications

1. Newsletter (PV): NH re JT; BA re Queen's Green canopy; TYCT recommendations; Hampstead Theatre productions to be shown under Diary dates
2. Noticeboards (SC): Board locks all checked, cost £60. Ward councillors are supporting application for CIL money to cover proposed changes to noticeboards. Committee agreed SC can proceed to order Grippit boards and cleaning of Belsize Walk poster.
3. BA to supply Hampstead Theatre production flyers for display on noticeboards.
4. Friends of BCL request for designated permanent space on noticeboards: on various grounds including the setting of precedent, the committee decided this was not suitable for BelSoc boards

5. Website Members Area development: AS is having difficulties with opening Stripe account; has contacted Stripe but if problem unsolved, will contact Direction Forward.
Form changes to be discussed when DF working on website changes.

Planning

1. Comments/objections: 2
2021/5353/P 10 Antrim Grove
2021/4224/P 34 Upper Park Road
No Comments: 7
2. Belsize Streatery the consultation about granting a permanent license for the Streatery to replace the current six-monthly licenses: a member has requested that BelSoc organise a general meeting to discuss the consultation and responses to it. This is not practically possible. Members of the Committee will reply to the consultation as individuals. The consultation may also provide an opportunity for the Committee to record its views on the “greening” of the space (see Trees c below).
3. Belsize CAAC (PV): communication issues. TS in contact with Council and CAAC committee.

Trees

1. Comments/objections:
2021/4221/P 76 Lawn Road
2. Queen’s Green Canopy: 4 possible areas identified (see September minutes) *b/f from November*.
 - a. Numbers I and II (Triangular Island at junction of Eton Avenue and Lancaster Grove and Broad Pavement on Haverstock Hill at junction with Belsize Grove) supported by the ward councillors who will put forward an application for CIL money
 - b. Number III (Corner England’s Lane and Antrim Road) is already designated for a micro park.
 - c. Number IV (Part of Belsize Terrace). This suggestion could be linked to responses to the Belsize Streatery consultation (see planning above). The ward councillors recognised that this might be the most controversial of the suggestions and had indicated that it would require extensive discussion and consultation.

Belsize Business

1. BCL (PV): to contact DP and AI re free and "paid for via donation" streaming of "Moll King’s Belsize Houses". PV to draft text for email to members and send to AS for publication on 12th December.
2. New community magazine 'In the Square' (NH): will contact for Spring issue (Christmas issue already published).

Any other business:

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday, 12th January at 19.30

Location: 15 Howitt Close, NW3 4LX & Zoom

Appendix 1

2021 BelSoc Donations

Recipient	Purpose	Amount	Status

Belsize Library	Equipment	£250	Paid (June 2021)
Royal Free Charity	Garden Planting/Maintenance. Uses balance of gift from Consuelo's family	£400	Paid (Nov 2021)
The Winch	Towards repair of flood damage	£250	To be agreed
Hive Centre	Supports local young people with mental health, personal development, employment and education skills issues. Also operates as a food bank. Would be our third donation.	£250	To be agreed
Primrose Hill Food Bank	Community-focused service that helps people in crisis gain emergency food parcels. Supported by The Trussell Trust. Would be our second donation.	£250	To be agreed
Camden Age UK	Charity that launched its winter fundraiser in November with a particular focus on fuel poverty. More at: www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/camden-age-uk-warm-hearts-campaign-8498000	£250	To be agreed
Heywoods	Toward costs of Village lights/flowering baskets. Suffering something of a funding shortfall this year as local businesses have been unable to make their usual contributions	£250	To be agreed
C4WS Homeless Project	Supports homeless in jeopardy, including by provision of winter shelter (opened Nov 2021) See: www.C4wshomelessproject.org Operations specific to Euston/Kings Cross area - ? perhaps too far outside Belsize	£250	To be agreed
	Total	£2,150	