

# THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting at 1930 on Tuesday December 12  
at 81a Belsize Park Gardens, NW3

Present: PV (Chair); AS; BA; DT; SP; PW.  
Apologies for Absence: TS; EP.

Minutes of previous meeting approved (CC Trustee annual report date corrected to Oct 31; attendees added).

## Belsoc Business:

- Neil: Final estate details completed.
- Parking scratchcards campaign: Liaison with community groups reported and approval given for meeting with Camden Councillor. PW.
- Buckland Crescent Safe and Healthy Street Consultation no comment approved. AS.
- Adopt-a-Phone Box. Liaison with Belsize Community Library approved. PV.
- Queen's Canopy: Camden CIL team to be contacted next year about progress. BA.
- Retro-Fitting: A member has expressed interest in forming a "Retro Group" following substantial heat-efficiency measures at his home. DT to liaise.

## Finance

Charitable donations – BCL (£500, already paid), NW3CLT (£250 or other), Camden Age UK (£250), C4WS Homeless Project (£250), Belsize Village Lights (£200) – approved. BA.

## Planning:

20 Daleham Gardens: Member has been in touch and Belsoc to respond. AS.  
Howitt Close: Grade Two Listing application turned down. BA.

## Trees:

## Events:

Success of both Councillors and New Members meetings reported. PV.  
Carols: Arrangements for Belsize Terrace carol singing on Dec 16 approved. AS / DT/ PV.  
New Members Meeting: Date agreed for Feb 11, 2024.  
AGM: Subscriptions consideration to be made at next meeting for increase in 2025. PV

## Publications:

Delivery of newsletters: discussion about paper delivery versus electronic. Points raised included:

- savings from reduced posting.
- less volunteer demands.
- members that did not have emails or found online inaccessible.
- whether the Society had online comms capability.
- an opt-out of paper delivery might provide some of the benefits without some of the costs, but then there are set-up costs.

Agreement to retain paper editions, not online, and four annual issues. AS.

## Next meeting:

Next meeting agreed for January 9, 2024. Thanks to BA to host at 15 Howitt Close, NW3.