

THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting at 1930 on Tuesday November 14
at 14c Belsize Square, NW3 4HT

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

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

Belsoc Business:

- Neil: Final estate details completed with praise for all concerned.
- Charities Commission work accomplished and rare compliments to HMRC for an early response to society questions. Online access now possible. BA.
- Society's Charitable contributions/Gift Aid donors to be updated for next meeting. Payment to removal firm regarding Neil's boxes approved. PV.
- Trustees need to update charity controls – independent examiner to meet Justin. PV.
- Website hosting: it was agreed switching providers should go ahead. PV.

Queen's Canopy/Retrofitting:

As in Newsletter.

Planning:

Tom Symes reported that a member, Mr Driver, had written about the response lodged by TS on behalf of Belsoc to the application for rebuilding 31 Daleham Gardens. Mr Driver is a neighbour and objects to the current proposals.

TS had responded to Mr Driver explaining that following the demolition consent and the obligations and constraints accepted by Camden at that time, the current proposals seem to be sensible and would bring the site back into use in a way that will benefit the community.

Howitt Close: Second appeal by developer considered very unlikely. TS/BA.

Trees:

Objections to two trees noted and an appeal against a reprieve on a cypress tree in Lawn Road noted:

2023/4340/T 136 Haverstock Hill, NW3 2AY

2023/4617/T 50 Belsize Pk Gdns, NW3 4ND

Events:

Committee Member attendances noted for Councillors' / New Members' meetings on Nov 19.

Agenda for Councillors' meeting issued. BA.

Carols confirmed for December 16 at 4.30pm.

Belsize Library request Belsoc co-host 'War In Belsize' talk on January 18.

AGM date decided for March 3, 2024.

Publications:

Latest Newsletters delivered. Suggestion future editions be online to be raised at the agm next year.

TYCT: Next issue to be completed by May 2024.

Suggestion approved that Belsoc subscribe to London Forum online site which covers issues of interest to the society. (www.londonforum.org.uk)

Next meeting:

Thanks to David Thomas for his offer of hosting next meeting on Dec 12 at Flat 1, 81a, Belsize Park Gardens, NW3.