

# THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 14 December  
2022 at Flat 1, 81A Belsize Park Gardens

**Present:** PV (Chair), BA, SP, AS, TS, DT

**Apologies for Absence:** AC, NH, SC

## **Minutes of last Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 November were approved, noting that the Primrose Hill CAAC Retrofitting day was held on 5 November 2022.

## **Belsoc Business.**

1. Four councillors attended the meeting on 20 November 2022. PV will circulate the note of the meeting.
2. BA reported that since the meeting, councillors have been active in following up the Queen's Green canopy proposals, though there was still no progress.
3. Members have been notified about the public consultation on the plans for 31 Daleham Gardens on 20 December 2022.
4. Noted that the consultation on the Haverstock Hill and Rosslyn Hill trial Walking Cycling and Road Safety scheme is open. Members have been notified and invited to respond individually. Opinions on the scheme are very divided, and the Committee will not be submitting a response from the Society.
5. The Belsize Society has joined with Save Swiss Cottage and other residents' associations in objecting to the Deliveroo application for a kitchen in South Hampstead.
6. DT will take on the role of dealing with consultations and other issues around the climate emergency and develop ideas around what the Society can do in this field.

## **Finance**

1. The accounts for November were approved.

2. A list of donations was approved. As agreed in October there will be donations to the Royal Free Hospital, St Mary's Primrose Hill appeal for the Homeless, and Primrose Hill Food Bank. In addition, there will be donations to C4WS and towards the costs of the Christmas season lights in Belsize Terrace. The proposed donation to the U3A was reconsidered. PV will talk to the U3A about the uses to which a donation might be put before a decision is made; the Committee were concerned about a donation to U3A which might simply be passed on to other causes.
3. In addition to other donations, it was agreed to provide £380 to NW3 Community Land Trust to contribute to their core funding. It was agreed that this funding is to enable the CLT to continue its operations generally, and is not in any way linked to any specific proposed development, including 31 Daleham Gardens.

### **Membership**

There had been 6 new members since October 2022

### **Events**

1. The Carols will be at 3.30 on 17 December. SP has collected the donation equipment from Marie Curie. PV will provide a table. BA will speak to the pharmacy about using their electric socket. Those who can are asked to bring mince pies.
2. The AGM will be on Sunday 12 March. PV will book the synagogue again.
3. PV will contact John Doggart to fix a date for a first-come first served small group to visit his home and learn about his retrofitting. This visit should take place in the spring when he will have had an air source heat pump fitted. This might be combined with a visit to SP's studio which is nearby and has also been extensively retrofitted with insulation etc.

### **Publications**

1. Newsletter: The Committee thanked and congratulated JF on another excellent newsletter. It was noted that the distribution had worked very smoothly and the new distributors should be thanked. The deadline for the

next issue should be the end of January. There might be a piece on flooding and flood resilience in Belsize.

## 2. TYCT 2023

- a. The next TYCT could usefully contain a section for recommended installers of heat pumps and solar panels.
- b. A new editor will be needed for TYCT. This is a significant task. There will need to be an appeal to members of a volunteer, noting that if none is forthcoming it will not be able to appear. In any case it may have to be delayed until August.

## Planning

1. TS had looked at eight applications, including the revised plans for the Hall School, and raised no objections
2. On one major application (a renewed application for an extra storey on Howitt Close) a great deal of work was being done.
  - a. The Council Planning department had stated that they were not intending to include it on the local list of significant buildings, since, as it is mentioned for its contribution in the Conservation Area statement, it already enjoys a status equivalent to local listing.
  - b. Despite multiple significant objections the Council officers appear minded to recommend approval of the application. It seems essential to ensure that the planning committee are aware of as many objections as possible before they consider the application, probably in February. It was agreed that TS will provide a notice for the noticeboards with details of the proposal and how to object.
3. The planning department had contacted PV about the current plans for an enclosure for the bins in Belsize Terrace. TS had objected to a previous proposal. PV will ascertain the current status of the application.

## Trees

BA has reviewed a number of applications, and objected to 1 (2022/4675/T 8 Adamson Rd NW3 3HR)

## Any Other Business

The Heath and Hampstead Society has notified the Society of an online petition opposing the action of the proprietors of the Hampstead Antiques Emporium in giving notice to quit to all the traders. PV will put the petition on the Society's website.

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 19.30.

**Location:** 15 Howitt Close NW3 4LX