

# THE BELSIZE SOCIETY

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 8 November 2022  
at Sanya Polescuk Architects, 8a Belsize Court Garages, NW3 5AJ

**Present:** PV (Chair), BA, SP, DT, NH

**Apologies for Absence:** AC, SC, AS, TS

**Minutes of last Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 October were approved.

**Belsoc Business.**

1. Neighbourhood Plan: DT reported on the Primrose Hill CAAC Retrofitting Day, held at the PH Community Centre on 8 October. A set of presentations about retrofitting projects and the technologies being implemented to reduce energy used for heating primarily. Focuses included double glazing, heat pumps and local area level heat systems. Presentation from Camden conservation about the planning requirements to approve.
2. Meeting with Belsize Community Library: PV reported on meeting AI (Friends of BCL) and LT (librarian, BCL), with others. Themes emerged included publicising events, difficulty in attracting volunteers, technical help in online/events. BelSoc can consider funding specific event related costs if in Society objectives.
3. Deliveroo Appeal on Finchley Road refusal. Save Swiss Cottage and other resident bodies joining up to argue against Deliveroo's appeal after May refused planning application. PV reported that BelSoc will join this but SSC to do the key work. TS was consulted.
4. Belsize Village Bins. Belsize Villlage Business Association had asked for a factual statement about the noticeboards and whether they were affected by the current position and use of the bins. PV has written to say that no issues had been raised. SC consulted.

**Finance**

1. The accounts for November were approved.
2. On donations, it was agreed to disburse £250 (NH) to the Royal Free, U3A, St Mary's Primrose Hill for the Homeless appeal, Primrose Hill Food Bank. NH also reported on the U3A Away Day and their general success at encouraging community participation in a wider range of courses. There was a keenness to consider collaboration.

**Membership**

Carried over to next meeting.

## Events

1. Christmas Carols will be at village, 3.30pm, 17 December. SP to collect tabards etc from hospice; PV will identify contacts.
2. Councillor's meeting will be hosted by AS on Sunday 20 November. PV to finalise agenda. For the agenda, Haverstock Hill cycle lane, progress on Queen's Canopy project, Small sites consultation
3. Screening of The Belsize Story at the Everyman. Carried over.
4. Evening event at SuperHome hosted by John Doggart (after March): Proposal discussed and agreed would be a good follow up to PHCAAC Retrofitting Day.

## Publications

1. Newsletter: November issue being distributed.
2. TYCT: PV discussed the resourcing for future TYCTs as SC would like to hand over the role. Adds to the general need to secure more volunteers.

## Planning

1. DT reported on Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan update, with new themes identified including refurbishment and retrofitting
2. BA reported on submission of Howitt Close for adding to the local list.
3. SP reported on the NW3CLT development, where the current phase was focusing on the number of units and how these would be split into different types. SP also noted the effects of the inflation in construction costs.
4. TS electronically submitted reports
  - a. Comments/objections: During October, looked at 17 applications; objections to two, for Howitt Close and 36-38 Parkhill Road.
  - b. There is an appeal on the change of use refusal for the launderette on Englands Lane. There is no prospective tenant to run it as a launderette, and it looks as if the launderette in Belsize Village is picking up demand from users. At the moment it is just a vacant unit. No planned intervention.

## Trees

1. BA reported on the slow progress in delivering the Queen's Canopy CIL works. She also noted a lot of errors in the Camden Tree Applications website portal, which meant applications not appearing.
2. Objections to Trees:
  - a. 2022/4566/T 45 Netherhall Gardens
  - b. 2022/3776/T 112-114 Haverstock Hill

**Any Other Business:** None

**Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 13 December at 19.30

**Location:** Flat 1, 81A Belsize Park Gardens