

**BELSIZE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Committee meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 8 July 2014 at 14C Belsize Square**  
**NW3 4HT**

**Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair); Judith Farbey; Pat Holden; Neil Harris; Ruth Sands; Anne Stevens; Sheila Wrigglesworth**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Deborah Buzan, Gordon Curtis, Judith Gubbay, Consuelo Phelan
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - a. Agree June minutes: Agreed subject to changes relating to overhanging trees
  - b. Matters arising from June minutes not covered elsewhere: None
3. **Finance**
  - a. Accounts for June 2014: Preliminary accounts were circulated by NH. *Post-meeting note: finalised accounts for June were circulated to the Committee by email on 16 July 2014 and will fall for approval at the September meeting*
4. **BRA Business**
  - a. Approach to Neighbourhood Forums: It was noted that several neighbourhoods close to Belsize Park have decided to instigate Neighbourhood Forums in order to increase local influence in planning decisions via a local development framework. It was recognised that the BRA had discussed and rejected the idea of a Forum for Belsize Park. It was also appreciated that the development of a planning framework would involve considerable work and resources. Nevertheless, it is worth considering the viability in greater detail.  
**ACTION: PV** will invite an appropriate person from one of the local forums to the September meeting to speak about the pros and cons; **AS** will suggest some appropriate people.
5. **Planning**
  - a. Planning applications: Deferred to next meeting as GC absent
  - b. 100 Avenue Road: (i) Update: Save Swiss Cottage meeting: PV and GC attended on behalf of BRA. The meeting was packed with a wide range of speakers. The meeting at which Camden will consider the planning application is a key event and speaking at the meeting or demonstrating outside the Town Hall were encouraged by the meeting's organisers.  
(ii) Small meeting hosted by Cllr Leyland will be held on Thursday 10 July about instructing an expert: **SW volunteered to attend.**  
(iii) **GC to confirm with Camden that BRA would like to speak at the planning meeting, and to confirm whether he would like to speak for us.**
  - c. HS2: Update on Petitioning Parliament: No substantial development as it will be many months before Parliament considers petitioners in Camden.
  - d. Highgate Society and Heath & Hampstead Society: co-operation: In light of the numerous difficult planning issues facing Hampstead and Belsize Park, **DB will be asked if she would take on a planning policy role including liaison with other local associations and societies with similar interests.**
  - e. Royal Free Hospital expansion: A five-storey research centre is proposed. A BRA member has raised a concern about loss of green space.  
It was agreed that BRA will monitor developments.
  - f. Sainsbury's: plans for South End Green: It was agreed that the BRA will support South End Green residents' opposition to this development.

- g. 16 Primrose Gardens Ltd: GC is pursuing this development that was constructed without planning permission.
  - h. Hunter's Lodge: A further YouTube video has been circulated by a member to the Committee with a complaint about continuing noise from the protracted building works.  
**ACTION:** AS to reply to the member and draw her attention to Camden's policies on dealing with building site noise.
6. **Trees:** Report on planning applications  
Comments/objections: 2  
69 & 71 Upper Park Road: front, remove three Lombardy poplars, decayed.  
51 Belsize Park Gardens: front, remove one birch.
- No objection: 6  
39 Eton Avenue  
23 Belsize Park  
St. Christopher's School, 32 Belsize Lane  
96 Fellows Road  
174 Haverstock Hill  
92 Fellows Road
7. **Environment and community services**
- a. Community gardens: email from Transition Belsize: The purpose of the email being unclear, PV will explore the ramifications of this email with Transition Belsize
  - b. The Committee discussed recent reports of serious crime in Hampstead and noted that the Police have taken the concerns of residents on board.
8. **Events**
- a. Autumn walk – 12 October 2014: SW will lead the organisation of this event; Averil Nottage will be the guide on the walk. PV has contacted Sarum Hall School with a view to hosting refreshments after the walk.
  - b. Transition Belsize fair – 27 September 2014: Committee members were asked to diarise this event.
  - c. Future plans (eg AGM booked for 8 March 2015 and members events) and feedback about Summer Party:  
It was agreed that the Summer party had been a huge success with excellent feedback and thanks from members. The Committee recorded its thanks to Aileen Hammond for hosting the Party; thanks had been conveyed in a card from PV on behalf of the Committee.  
AGM 2015: PV has contacted the Town Hall about booking a room for the 2015 AGM. Given the Autumn walk, plans for any further neighbourhood get togethers would be put on the back burner and a discussion about revitalising them would be held by the Committee in the late autumn.  
**ACTIONS:**  
**PV to liaise with Diana** about whether she is willing to continue to host events, such as 'get togethers'  
**Sub-group will be formed in Autumn** to revitalise events.  
**AS and JF will liaise** about an Autumn councillors' meeting.  
**AS to send an email** to members encouraging them to become involved in the organisation of BRA events.
9. **Public Relations:** No items
10. **Publications**
- a. Newsletter: Content for the August newsletter is in hand. Committee members were reminded to submit photos of good/bad design in relation to mundane, utilitarian

aspects of the Belsize area (with a note of where they are) so that the architectural/design competition could be trailed.

11. **Membership**

a. Membership changes: 3 new members this month.

12. **Any Other Business:** None

13. **Date and place of next meeting:** Wednesday 10 September 2014; AS will confirm whether she can host.