

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Meeting
8pm on 14th January 2009 at
105 Burnt Ash Road, SE12

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.30pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 10th December at 11 Wantage Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Andrea Breugelmanns, Bernard Hill, David Plumer, Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths, May Clarke, Anita Whitfield, Jeremy Carden and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Sylvia Ling, Sue Byford, David Stopp, Suki Picarda, Rev. Richard Peers and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Lee Green Heritage Panel

The final version has now been prepared, agreed by all and sent to the 'readers' for appraisal. The number of photographs has been reduced and the text tightened to enable a larger print size for the wording. We will now obtain quotes from manufacturers but anticipate the cost will be higher than the £1,800 from the locality fund so we will have to find additional funding.

CPZ Plans

We are all opposed to the Council's latest plans to extend the CPZ Area. It was agreed that Charles would write a letter of objection on behalf of the Society drawing attention to the lack of sufficient 'pay and display' points in the area and asking for the 'on pavement parking' in Manor Lane, which has caused damage to planted trees, to be cancelled.

Letter of Welcome

A re-draft has been prepared and is being given further consideration. We hope to print a map of the new extended Conservation Area on the reverse side of the letter.

Northbrook School

The demolition is now complete and the view of the trees in the Park is beautiful. We have received formal notification that 'after careful consideration of all the issues involved, Council policies and Government advice ... the Committee decided to GRANT' the proposal for the construction of the new school.

Graffiti Busting and Planting

As there is less Graffiti in the Conservation Area we have been concentrating our efforts on planting and tidying some of the small grassed spaces - approximately 300 bulbs have been planted. We would particularly draw your attention to the grassed corner at the junction of Taunton Road and Burnt Ash Road where, in addition to bulbs, we have replaced the small oak

(which appeared to be dead) with a Golden False Acacia, which will have a bright green leaf to contrast with the existing copper-leaved sycamore and dark green leafed hawthorn which are already thriving on the site. We will not be working this month! The council has agreed to our suggestion to plant eight new trees this winter - two each in Southbrook Road, Manor Lane and Taunton Road, one each in Handen Road and Effingham Road.

Planning Matters

49 Effingham Road: Application to crown-reduce by 1/3rd Lime Tree at front and Pear Tree at rear. - There had previously been an application to remove the Lime Tree which was refused. We would need to see details of the latest proposal.

67 Effingham Road: Application for construction of extensions to the rear roof slopes and the installation of roof lights to the front roof slope. - We would have no objection to the proposed rear roof slope extensions but are not happy about the roof lights on the front.

Amenities Society Panel on 27 November 2008:

78 Brightfield Road: Demolition and restoration of the existing front porch. - We and the panel are fully in favour of the proposal which will return the porch to its original design.

53 Manor Lane: Construction of single-storey extension to rear. - No objection in principle though would prefer simpler design for rear doors based on existing French doors.

37 Manor Lane: Construction of extension to rear roof slope with installation of roof lights to front, side and rear. The Panel objected to front roof lights but accepted the rear roof dormer as it appears to be on a par with others which have been provided nearby.

London Forum

We have applied for membership. The forum takes up London-wide planning issues. Membership should help us in our planning work.

Ice House - Manor House Gardens

We opened the Ice House on 22nd November for the annual meeting of park user groups and had 40-50 visitors. The User Groups visited 3 parks in Lewisham including Manor House Gardens. Sue Byford is organising a meeting of gardens' user group, the library service and the safer neighbourhoods team to consider security implications of linking the House to the Gardens. As far as the library is concerned, there has been significant underpinning to the corner of the building where the extension was removed which has caused a delay in the proposed re-opening date. It is now anticipated that the Library will re-open in March.

VirginMedia/NTL Boxes

Councillor Brian Robson is concerned about the number of broken/damaged/open cable cabinets in the area and has asked that any residents who see such boxes to telephone 0870 888 3116 to report the damage.

Lee Green Assembly

We had a table at the recent Assembly Social Evening and displayed several information panels showing our activities. Steve and Jeremy were on hand to answer queries. The next assembly meeting will be on 17th February.

Many thanks to Andrea and Bernard for hosting the meeting