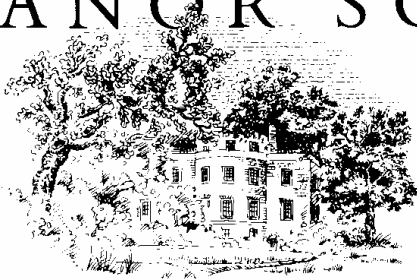


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Our next meeting (note change from regular day)
8pm Monday 19th February 2007 at
105 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8RA**

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

Note of our Meeting on 10th January at 11 Wantage Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffiths, Fay Carney, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmans, Bernard Hill, Sven Griesenbeck, Kevin Grey, Jim Mallory, Anita Whitfield & Sheila Peck
Apologies: Yvette Croucher, Christine Allison, Paul Bentley, Jeremy Carden, Ralph White and May Clarke

News on Planning Applications

- 31 Southbrook Road: We have written to the new owners urging retention of the sash windows and giving details of the conservation area.
- New Tigers Head: Greenwich Council has advised that the developers have withdrawn the Planning Application because the Council had indicated that it intended to refuse permission on the basis of overdevelopment. We await the next application. No news about the Ground Floor yet but note that the existing authorized use includes professional services or commercial.
- Trees – 60 Handen Road: to fell a greengage tree at the rear, 38b Micheldever Road: to fell a damaged cherry tree and reduce another cherry tree at the front to which we will not object, 44 Effingham Road: the removal of a maple tree in the back garden was approved by the Planning Panel on 14th December.
- 73 Taunton Road – for construction of a part one/part two storey extension to the rear but we need more details before considering the application further.
- 49 Manor Lane – for construction of timber building to the rear to provide leisure room.
- 20mph Zone Speed Humps and Street Parking – the installation of the humps has been completed and Sven advised there would probably be consultation in February about controlled parking in the area. We have opposed previous parking proposals as reducing flexibility, increasing cost and bureaucracy and increasing pressure to concrete over front gardens.

The Manor House Project

On their [website](#) Lewisham Council state that the redevelopment proposals have been given the green light and a shortlist of specialist contractors has been drawn up. Planning permission will be sought shortly. The proposals have the support of English Heritage. We agreed that the Society should write to the Council to confirm its approval of the proposals.

Street Trees

The Council's tree officer has confirmed they will be planting all the trees we requested, 7 trees in total - 2 in Southbrook Road, 1 at the corner of Manor Lane and Manor Park, 1 on the West side of Manor Lane, 1 on the South side of Effingham Road and 2 in Taunton Road. One of the two trees we paid to be planted at the corner of Taunton Road and Burnt Ash Road has died. We plan to replace it. New trees are thirsty so everyone is urged to water them even if conditions are wet.

AGM and Plant Mart

The year has flown by and it is now already time to be thinking again about dates and a speaker. We provisionally agreed 9th May for the AGM and 12th May for the Plant Mart. Any suggestions for a speaker at the AGM would be welcome. We all agreed to invite the Lavender Trust to join in the Plant Mart again this year if they want to come.

Boone's Chapel

Charles reported that the press campaign was progressing well with articles appearing in the News Shopper, Mercury, Lewisham Life and Planning magazines. Provisional agreement has been received from Lewisham Council on funding and the project has received additional funds from Merchant Taylors to cover the extra costs caused by the recent discovery of the coffins of Christopher Boone and his wife under the former altar area. It is anticipated that all restoration work including the construction of the new outside buildings will be completed by December of this year. Lee Manor Society was the originator of the proposals for restoration 30 years ago so we are therefore very pleased with the success of the plans.

Friends and Users of Staplehurst Road Shops

The Group have been awarded £10,000 by the Heritage Lottery with which they intend to revitalize their area by making it a 'brighter, cleaner and safer place to live'.

John and Gloria Voller

John and Gloria Voller have moved out of the area after more than 20 years in Lee. John was Chairman of the Society for nine years from 1982 to 1990 and an enthusiastic supporter of its activities for much longer. John steered the Society through a period when the conservation ideal was still struggling to be accepted. Many buildings in the Conservation Area were in a poor state and demolition was still a threat. John established the Society as a respected voice in planning and conservation matters in the Borough. We wish John and Gloria all the best in their new home.

Locality Fund

Lewisham Council has allocated £10,000 to be spent in each Ward in the Borough for the year ending 31 March 2007. The money, known as the Locality Fund, is available under legislation which allows local authorities to take action or provide activities likely to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of the area. Almost no publicity has been given to this initiative and the Society is seeking to find out how the money is to be allocated. We are seeking the opportunity to make suggestions as to its use.

Graffiti

The last outing was on **Sunday 28th January**. **For future forays, all volunteers greatly appreciated.**
We are also seeking donations of any left-over paint you may have - both interior and exterior.

Many thanks to Andrea and Bernard for hosting the meeting