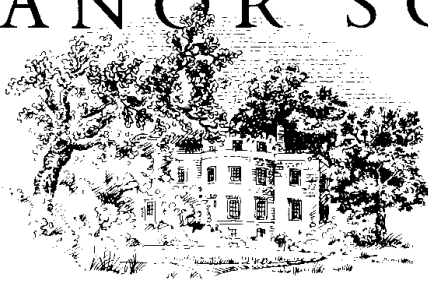


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Notice

Annual General Meeting

7.30pm on Wednesday 11th September 2019

at: The Manor House, Old Road

**Guest speaker: Paul Browning ('Running Past') will present
'Toffs to Toffees & Slavery to Students - the story of Old Road'**

Open to all residents in the area. Full agenda to follow

Notes of our Meeting on 10th July 2019

Present: David Plumer, Barbara Bird, Charles Batchelor, David Ford, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmonds, Ralph White (Chairman), and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Sylvia Ling, Rita Craft, Gillian Deal, Julian Bowsher, Mary Donovan, Frances Migniuolo and Sue Byford,

Continuing a very old Lee tradition this meeting was held in the Music Room of the Old Tiger's Head at the Lee Green crossroads. Many thanks to the management. We noted that the first public meeting on record to be held in what was then an 'Inn' was for a gathering of Justices of the Peace on 8th May 1744.

Trees

We are still looking for fundraising opportunities for the planting of more trees within the area and will investigate VAL (Voluntary Action Lewisham) who offer advice in this direction. In the meantime, we do have unspent funds, some of which is to be spent on trees already planted on our behalf by Lewisham Council.

Further to our May Notes, Charles has spoken with Paul Lowndes the Chair of the Manor House Gardens Users Group about a 'Tree Planting Strategy' for the Gardens, principally for the strategic planting of 'forest' trees which will enhance the park, but which are not suitable for a domestic garden. This proposal was discussed and agreed at the Gardens Group AGM and will now be presented to Glendale who are responsible for the Gardens maintenance.

Second Tree Walk

Following the discussions at the end of our successful first 'Tree Walk', Charles is now organising a second walk. A date of 5th October starting at 10.30a.m. has been suggested so please make a note in your diaries.

Annual Accounts and Report

We are preparing our Accounts for the new year end of 31st July 2019 and have asked Tim Keeler to be our honorary auditor.

Charles confirmed he is drafting our Annual Report. Ralph is drafting the Chairman's summary and David P confirmed he already has an article prepared for inclusion. We discussed and agreed other matters to be included e.g. Leegate, possible Nature Reserve in Lee, Trees and Pollution, and Planning matters.

AGM – Our speaker

Our guest speaker, Paul Browning, is author of a splendid blog 'Running Past – South East London History on Foot' – it is recommended reading!

<https://runner500.wordpress.com/>

Lee Forum

Lee Forum has been consulting on a 'Neighbourhood Plan' for the last 3 years and have prepared a draft for further consultation. A map of the area covered by the plan is included. All local residents are invited to complete a survey of the draft which can be viewed either on the Lee Forum website:

<http://leeforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Lee-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-Version-15.pdf>

or in print form in Manor House Library or the Leegate Community Centre. This public consultation will close on 31st August and the final draft will then be considered by both Lewisham and Greenwich Councils and an independent examiner. After the review the plan will be voted on by people living within the Forum Area and, if it is voted in, it will be adopted by both Greenwich and Lewisham Councils and become part of the statutory planning policy for the Forum Area.

We recommend you have a good look at the draft and complete the consultation!

Planning matters

106D Burnt Ash Road:- Installation of new double glazed, timber framed, sliding sash window to front and rear – good news; we have no objection.

74 Micheldever Road:- Construction of a single storey extension at the rear – we have no objection.

121 Burnt Ash Road:- We regret the loss of a retail unit but have no objection to its use by a Dental Practitioner.

Also, we have noticed that the Little Elms Pre-School Day Care Centre in Manor Lane has erected a large advertisement for their services which is obscuring the frontage of a locally listed chapel. Although there is also a rather high fence in front of the chapel which partially obscures its frontage, we feel that the board should be resited.

AOB

Telephone Box at the junction of Handen Road and Manor Lane: David F. advised us that there is a proposal to remove the telephone from the kiosk and he wonders if it could be replaced by a seat or possibly be used as a book exchange.

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.