

Lee Manor Society 1976 - 2009

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Next Meeting 8pm on 15th July 2009 (Note: one week later than usual) at 66 Effingham Road, SE12

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

Notes of our Meeting on 10th June at 12 Micheldever Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Steve Griffiths,

Jeremy Carden, May Clarke, Peter Ling, Andrea Breugelmans and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Anita Whitfield, Fr. Richard Peers, Judy Cole, Faye Carney and Suki Picarda

AGM at the Manor House - 14 May 2009

We all felt that the meeting went very well even though we were surprised we did not have more attendees. The facilities are very good although it seems the meeting rooms are not big enough to accommodate large groups of more than about 40 people. Afterwards, there was an excellent talk by Mark Pearce, Project Architect, about the Manor House refurbishment. http://www.leemanorsociety.org/ManorHouse/Manor House Presentation 14-05-2009.pdf

Plant Mart

The Plant Mart was a huge success again and raised in excess of £900 for our funds. We offer our sincere thanks to all those whose efforts contributed to the success both by way of donations and personal effort before and on the day. We appreciate the generosity of all the donors and those people who spent time in the preparation of jams, cakes, and the potting-up of plants as well as sorting and delivering other donations. We would also like to thank the children who helped so well with the opening, face-painting and games, and the raffle. Our thanks also to our Plant Mart subcommittee, Sylvia, Faye and Ralph. For next year, we are considering a door-to-door leaflet drop to raise awareness. We are also particularly keen to encourage more contributions to the cakes and jams stall, as we are currently reliant on just a few very generous donors. Some images on Flickr (best accessed through our web site). http://www.flickr.com/photos/35011540@N03/sets/72157619843344423/

CPZ

Final notices have been posted for the implementation of the extension of the Old Road and Bankwell Road CPZ and the Hither Green East CPZ. The traffic planners have removed most of the on-pavement parking in Manor Lane in response to our request. We intend to pursue our proposal for a more flexible system of CPZs – short mid-day rather than all-day bans - through the Local Assembly and directly with the planners.

Lee Green Heritage Panel

There has been a hiccup in the production of the template for the Panel because of a problem with the type face which has resulted in the displacement of the pictures. Jeremy and Charles are working hard to resolve the problem. (This has now been done.)

Planning Matters

<u>Amenity Panel Meetings:</u> These are *recommendations*, not final planning decisions which can be viewed on the Council web site

http://acolnet.lewisham.gov.uk/lewis-xslpagesdc/acolnetcgi.exe

- <u>103 Taunton Road</u>: construction of single storey extension to rear at side there have been 2 previous applications in 2004 and 2008 both of which were rejected. The panel had some concerns about the design.
- <u>35 Micheldever Road</u>: construction of dormer extension and solar panels to rear roof slope and installation of roof lights in front and side roof slopes. The panel felt the drawings were unclear and questioned the position of the solar panels.
- <u>27 Handen Road:</u> construction of timber clad garden room in rear garden the Panel objected because it would be visible from the front/road and the modern design is not in character with the neighbourhood.
- <u>67 Micheldever Road:</u> construction of single storey extension to rear no objection in principle but the Panel did not like the proposed modern Scandinavian style.
- 121 Brightfield Road: construction of 2 dormer windows to rear roof slope and installation of 2 roof lights to front roof slope the Panel objected to the design of the dormer windows because of the lead surround and the large size.

As a British Urban Regeneration Association Award winner, QWAG was invited to send a member to attend a course entitled 'Planning for Non-Planners' and suggested Charles. He found the course very informative and believes it will help us frame our submissions on planning matters.

Leegate

Little progress so far on the formation of a 'Friends of Leegate' although an 'awayday' has been re-scheduled for late June. In the meantime a meeting took place at short notice with a representative of St Modwen which was attended by Paul Bentley with Jim Mallory on behalf of the 'Friends'. St. Modwen confirmed they have no immediate plans but will probably consider part renovation/part re-build over a 5-10 year period. They are considering the possibility of Leegate House becoming an hotel and the introduction of some second rank retailers to increase 'footfall' to encourage others to rent units. In the short term they are considering a indoor market in the former Kwik Save unit, car boot sales at weekends in the car park and activities on the square.

Tree Damage

The base of the *ginkgo biloba* we planted in the grounds of 2 Effingham Road has been damaged by careless strimming of the bark. Charles contacted Glendale, who have said they will take this up with their supervisors.

Bernard Hills has started making a list of all the small street trees in the area which do not have supports or where the ties are missing.

Other Business

- 1. We are considering applying for the listing of some local buildings such as the New Tiger's Head with adjoining houses and other prominent buildings at the Lee Green crossroads. If anyone has any other suggestions please contact us.
- 2. We will open the Ice House for the Party in the Park on 20th June and for the Open House Weekend in September.
- 3. We have received an offer from Mark Sequoia to produce a book about Lee.
- 4. Piling is now complete on the Northbrook School site.