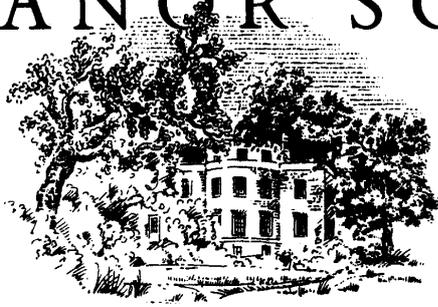


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OUR NEXT MEETING

8 pm on Wednesday 14 June 2006
105 Burnt Ash Road

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

Note of our 10 May 2006 meeting at 11 Wantage Road

Present: Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmans, Bernard, Yvette, Sheila Peck, Faye Carney, Kevin Gray

Apologies: Peter Richardson, May Clarke.

News on planning applications

- a planning application has been submitted for a 2-storey extension to the rear of 51 Brightfield road; and a certificate of lawful development sought for 65 Micheldever Road (a formal confirmation that there was no breach of a planning control, sometimes sought when property is being sold).
- the Amenity Societies panel was unhappy with the felling of a horse chestnut at the rear of 66 Effingham Road, but raised no objection to the addition of the 300mm telecommunications dish at on the existing mast at Lee Station.
- a list of new/recent planning applications is available at <http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>

Manor House Library

Planning permission and listed building consent are still in progress. The Council is currently reviewing the costings and our hope is that the scheme will go ahead in an acceptable form. Ralph White is pressing for another meeting of the project group which has not met for several months. We are concerned at this lengthy silence which has led to suggestions that the project may be recast. Now that the local elections are over, the Council should be able to tell us what their plans are. We have been involved in a lengthy consultation with the Council over several years. This needs to be maintained. On a positive note, Cllr Chris Best said in her nomination speech as cabinet member for community services that the library would be "revamped" by June 2008. We need to know what that means.

Annual General meeting

We agreed the practical arrangements for our AGM on 16 May 2006.

The Manor House Gardens User Group

The Park group's AGM was due on 11 July. We decided to announce at our own AGM that the Group was looking for new officers, and make clear our wish that the Park group should continue to represent the local community and users on park management issues.

Lewisham Environment Trust

Charles reported that the Trust (to which we subscribe) was going to link up with an larger charitable organisation called Envirowork Cllr Nick Taylor, who has been very active in regeneration issues and who gave a talk to our AGM a few years ago, has become chairman. This should lead to a new vitality at LET.

Progress with local graffiti

Sainsbury's has very quickly removed graffiti on its external walls when it was pointed out to them. However, Lewisham did not seem to be tackling shop-front graffiti, including that on shutters when reported on the cards provided by the Council. **Action:** we will work to get all affected shopkeepers to submit cards, and see if this results in any effective action.

Our next graffiti-busting outing is 4th June at 2pm (meet outside 64 Effingham Rd at 2.30 pm).

Please report serious graffiti (eg on brickwork) anywhere around Lee

- by phone to the Council on 020 8314 7171 (give a precise location)
- by e-mail: see details at <http://www2.lewisham.gov.uk/lbl/CommunitySafety/form.asp>.
- by mobile phone with camera to <http://www.lovelewisham.org/Public/images.aspx>

New Website

Ralph would like comments on the new website to help in finalising it.

Boone's Chapel

Restoration work is due to start in the Autumn, and Heritage Lottery Funding has been secured, but a final £30,000 was need for contingencies and other items. We agreed to circulate details of the Boone's Chapel appeal to raise this £30k locally with our minutes.

Lee Station

South Eastern Railways responded positively to Charles' reminder of the agreement not to mow the banks on the station approach until the wild grasses and flowers had seeded. We plan to approach them again about more planting, and a litter-pick of the banks (which we are willing to organise).

Leegate

Charles will again ask for the redundant poles in Burnt Ash Road, near Taunton Road to be removed. Now that Cllr Gavin Moore has lost his seat, we need to press again for the Council to adopt a design brief for the site to encourage the much-needed improvement of this site and centre of Lee Green, to follow up the now completed road and pavement improvements by Transport for London. We also agreed that it would be sensible to hold meeting with local councillors in the near future.

Ice House

The Ice House has now reopened for the 2006 season. 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We think it would be sensible if Boone's chapel open days coincided sometimes, to help attract visitors to both.

STOP PRESS: unclaimed Plant Mart raffle prize for holder of **ticket number 351/5**

Many thanks to Andrea and Bernard for their hospitality