

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting:

**7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th May 2018
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8RA**

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 11th April 2018

Present: Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, Veronica Simmonds, Mary Donovan, Charles Batchelor, Gillian Deal, Vanessa Tinker, Frances Migniuolo and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: David Ford, Sylvia Ling and Rita Craft.

Police Ward Panel Meeting on 10th April

Ralph and Sheila attended the meeting on behalf of the Society. There were only six members of the public there which was a pity because the SNT showed an impressive grip on what is going on in the neighborhood. Whilst burglary and robbery are of concern to all, the actual number of cases is relatively low compared to adjacent wards and London overall. We are all encouraged to 'stiffen' the defences on our homes especially those with sash windows or patio doors which are easily breached if not adequately protected with appropriate locks. Even fake cctv cameras can have a deterrent effect. Theft is an issue – shop-lifting from Sainsbury's, drive-away petrol from BP. Also high on the list is anti-social behaviour – the SNT has been focusing on this in the areas of Staplehurst Road and Manor Park where begging, drug and alcohol abuse are a continuing problem and we were told of a pending operation (*recently completed*) designed to close down premises suspected to be a base for much of this activity. A real operational difficulty relates to the incidence of mental health issues associated with local hostels – these are not police issues, but they can be quite time-consuming if the SNT becomes involved. Manic behaviour by child cyclists is a continuing problem and the team is compiling a list of the perpetrators and is taking appropriate action.

We were told that all 999 calls (for live events) and 101 calls (after the event) are logged and referred to the SNT and we were given the SNT mobile number 07920 233877 although this may not be manned when out on operations. We were also advised to use the Met equivalent of a 'Fix My Street' type app. which allows you to log concerns or suspicions and is used to populate the local data base as the Met seeks to develop intelligence-led policing - <https://www.met.police.uk/> - use the 'Report' or 'Tell us about' tabs.

With thanks to Mark Rochell for some content in this report.

The next meeting of the Ward Pane(to be confirmed) is on 7 August 2018.

Planning

43 Southbrook Road (Installation of replacement double-glazed timber sash windows for all existing sash window):- No objection.

109A Manor Lane (Change of use of First Floor Flat from residential to commercial):- No objection.

Pentland House, Old Road (Retrospective Listed Building Consent sought for internal alterations, removals and repairs):- Inspections of the property by Enforcement Officers revealed that unauthorised work had been undertaken to this listed building. We are pleased to support the proposed corrections and reinstatements.

10 Manor Lane (construction of single storey rear extension, replacement of all existing windows with timber double glazed and various alterations to the facilities at the front of the building):- No objection

Lewisham Homes – various properties in Burnt Ash Road, Handen Road and Micheldever Road. Enforcement has closed the case and will not pursue our complaint that plastic fittings have been used. We must decide what to do next. In the meantime, if you have observed a potential mis-use of materials, please write personally to Enforcement to log your concerns – the more complaints from individual citizens, the more likely we are to make progress.

Proposed change of year-end and AGM date for LMS

The proposed EGM to confirm the decision to move the year-end of our Accounts to 31st July annually will be held just before our June meeting and a formal notice will be issued shortly.

Plant Mart – Saturday 26th May



The householders of the three properties used for our Annual Plant Mart have all agreed to host the event.

If anyone has any suggestions for changes to our traditional format to help us raise funds, do please do let us know. We look forward to your kind support both in donations and attendance!

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The GDPR is a new EU law which will come into effect on 25th May 2018 and will introduce new requirements for how organisations process personal data. The changes will affect all businesses and charities. Ralph is updating our data controls so we are compliant.

Trees

All the trees which have been privately funded are now planted in the appropriate local roads and the dead tree near the Burnt Ash/ Handen Road Bus Stop has been replaced. The new trees planted a couple of months ago are now bursting into leaf.

Leegate

We have heard from the Senior Planning Manager at St. Modwen that they are fine-tuning their new/alternative Application for the redevelopment of Leegate which they hope to submit in early May. They are also working on the completion of the S.106 Agreement relating to the previous foodstore scheme. If things go to plan it is possible that work could begin in Spring 2019 – although they feel that is a quite ambitious aim especially if they must pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order for any part of the site.

We thank the Lee Green Community Centre for facilitating the meeting.