

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on 15th February 2017
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 January 2016

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Sue Byford, Charles Batchelor and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Lorraine Burton, Rita Craft, Jim Mallory, Sylvia Ling, Suki Goodman, Patti Byford, Pippa Bampton, Frances Mignuolo, Alison Lemaire and Veronica Simmonds.

Manor House and Library

As stated in our last Notes, on 10th December the Library Working Group met and considered presentations from the 3 organisations which are interested in taking over the running of The Manor House and Library. Since then the Public consultation has been completed and further information provided by the interested parties. The Working Group expressed opinions about the three presentations which Council Officers have taken into account. The Mayor and Cabinet were originally scheduled to make a decision at their meeting on 11th January. However, the discussion was deferred and it is now anticipated that the matter will go to the Mayor and Cabinet for a decision on 1 March. We have been assured that the underlying timetable is not delayed and the next stage of the process will commence from the beginning of April with formal handover of responsibility completed by 1 May 2017.

LMS Critical Dates for 2017

We considered the possibility of moving the date of the AGM and circulation of our Annual Newsletter to later in the year but, after quite a lengthy debate, we decided to stick with the traditional arrangement. We agreed the Plant Mart will be held on Saturday 13th May (subject to the agreement of the home owners) and the AGM will be held on Wednesday 17th May. The location of the AGM will be confirmed later, as will the Speaker. It was also agreed that we should communicate with other local groups to try and ensure there is no clash in event dates.

Trees

David reported that the Council 'Street Scaping' is underway with changes being made in Manor Lane between the railway bridge and Handen Road

Manor House Gardens Festival

This year's Festival, organized by Friends of Manor House Gardens, will be held on Saturday 24th June. As usual, a lot of work is involved and volunteers are requested both for the 'in-advance' preparation and 'on the day'. If you are interested in contributing/helping please contact Alison Lemaire on 07766 046420.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to object to a Planning Application provided they give a 'planning' reason for the objection. Personal details must also be provided.

Still no news on the Leegate redevelopment.

Ralph and Charles have noticed some violation of Planning and Building Regulation controls within the Conservation Area, e.g. Lewisham Homes have applied for retrospective permission for the installation of artificial slate roof tiles on 61 Lampmead Road. Charles has written to Emma Talbot asking for a meeting to discuss the problem but, as yet, has had no response.

Disabled Parking

After further investigation we have clarified that Disabled Parking Badges should always be displayed in vehicles when using the specially allocated parking spaces within the Controlled Parking Zones – but it is not necessary to display a Parking Permit. The written advice received by Sylvia Ling (referred to in last month's Notes) was misleading.

Assembly Funding Application

Not all of the 2016-17 Lee Green Assembly funding was distributed; there is still £4150.00 to be allocated. Local groups and organisations have been invited to submit tenders to fund projects which will help improve the Lee Green Area. We understand that a consortium of local groups (including Lee Manor Society) has submitted an application to support the provision of a canopy at next year's Manor House Gardens Festival to enable the repeat of the presentations/advertising from local community groups which was a great success at last year's Festival.

Letter Boxes

David Ford advised that all the letter boxes in the area will actually be repainted by the end of this financial year.

We thank Leegate Community Centre for facilitating the meeting.