

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



For further details on some of the topics below, visit <http://www.leemanorsociety.org>
Please consider changing to our email distribution – write to news@leemanorsociety.org

Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on Wednesday 23 July 2014

(Note: this is two weeks later than usual)

at: 12 Micheldever Road, London SE12 8LX

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

Notes of our Meeting on 11th June 2014

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Elisabeth Caulfield, Sylvia Ling, Anita Whitfield, Jenny Lowen, Sue Byford, Frances Migniuolo, Diana Stevens and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Pat Ravens, Dan Griffin, P.C. Ben Smith (SNT), Simon Hooks, and Veronica Simmonds.

Leegate

The Lee Green Assembly Working Group met last Monday to formulate a response to St. Modwen's revised plans for the Centre and this has now been agreed and delivered. The plans we were shown at a recent meeting with St. Modwen included the demolition of the existing buildings and a reasonably substantial housing element with residents' parking underground. However, there was very little 'meaningful, high quality public space' and the Society and the Working Group are still critical. The feelings of the Working Party were supported by the Lewisham Council Design Panel's Report and, as a result, we believe that yet further changes* may be made to the planned redevelopment. The Public Consultation, which we hope will be well attended, will no doubt reveal the latest proposals. We understand that in excess of 2,000 leaflets advertising the Public Consultation have been distributed throughout a 2mile radius but we are concerned that there has been no public advertising e.g. in the Library or in Leegate itself. We are also concerned about how we will know the results of the consultation and would like to suggest a public meeting.

***Improvements were made but we remain critical. See the [Working Party report of 9 July](#) on our web site**

AGM

Both Ralph and Sheila apologized for their unavoidable absence from the AGM. Their absence left the 'top table' rather empty. It was agreed that every effort would be made in future to agree an acceptable date for the AGM. We also agreed that we would provide more detail in the Annual Accounts Statement in future. We are concerned that only 19 local residents attended the AGM and agreed that, next year, we would try wider advertising e.g. at our Plant Mart, on local Notice Boards and particularly in the Library where the AGM is held. We thank Geraldene Wharton for the very interesting talk she gave about the Rivers of Lewisham and particularly appreciate that she refused to accept the fee of £40 we offered and

insisted it should be added to our fund for local tree replacement – we are already holding £130 for this purpose which we received from the Local Assembly fund a couple of years ago.

Plant Mart

We thank everyone who contributed items to and helped with the setting-up and running of this year's Plant Mart which turned out to be our most successful to date. The weather was good and attendance was high. With Faye and Steve no longer around we were concerned we might not get enough plants but donations exceeded our expectations and it was the same with other stalls. We all agreed that, next year, we will try to de-congest the cake/raffle area to allow more free access.

Ice House Panels

Ralph managed to sort out the problem with the graphics file and A. J. Wells & Sons are now working on the new Panels. When they arrive*, the new frames will be fitted first and then the new Panels inserted. We are considering creating a Q&A sheet for children – Dan is working on a draft - and the possibility of guided tours at set times during opening hours particularly on Open House weekend. ***The panels have now been fitted.**

Parish Boundary Stone - Handen Road

We have chosen a stonemason to produce the new Boundary Stone. Lewisham Council Highways Department has confirmed its agreement to the replacement but is insisting that it is installed by its own contractors. We would prefer the installation to be done by our mason particularly since the Council does not have the necessary funds available to undertake the work. We are trying to reach agreement to use our own contractors.

Quaggy River

Some concern was expressed about the effects of QWAG's suggested 'breaking out' of the river in the dog walking area of Manor House Gardens. How will it affect the 'dog walking' area, will it increase flood risk, will trees be lost? It was agreed we should ask a representative of QWAG to come to one of our meetings* to discuss their suggestion in detail. ***A representative will attend our September meeting.**

Handen Road Trees

We have received notification from Lewisham Council that a recent survey of the trees in Handen Road has revealed that two Cherry Trees (one opposite No.25 and one outside No.12) have to be removed because of structural deterioration. At the same time the Council will take the opportunity to prune all the other trees in the road. ***Work completed.**

We thank the Leegate Community Centre for hosting the meeting.