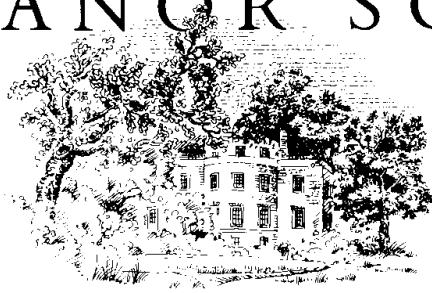


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on 8th June 2011

at: 98B Effingham Road SE12 8NU

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

Notes of our Meeting on 11th May 2011 at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chair), David Plumer, Paul Connolly, Anita Whitfield, Sylvia Ling, Steve Griffith (Treasurer), Faye Carney, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmons, Jackie Percy and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Ralph White (Deputy Chair), Dan Griffin, Suki Picarda, Andrea Breugelmans, and Sue Byford.

Everest

The Society invited Alan Connor, a sales representative of Everest, the windows and doors company, to a meeting to present products – mainly, wooden sash windows – that he felt were suitable for conservation areas. Mr Connor had been told repeatedly by residents on the doorstep that his uPVC windows were inappropriate in the conservation area. Mr Connor's presentation covered products in wood, aluminium and uPVC as well as secondary glazing and double-glazing. The company even supplies pretend grass for people who are tired of mowing their lawns (though it may require vacuum cleaning when the leaves fall.) The introduction of a wooden window range is welcome although concerns remain that the glazing bars – the wooden bars that hold the glass in place – may still be thicker than traditional single-pane windows because they have to support a greater weight of glass. We would like to thank Mr Connor for his presentation, and also residents for resisting the marketing efforts of the double-glazing companies. Changes to front windows and doors require planning permission under the tighter conservation area rules introduced in 2007.

Matters arising from last Meeting

John Payne, Estate Agents and Surveyors have completed their new brochure. As mentioned in the last Notes, a summary of the history of Lee is included in the brochure of our local branch (which is on Burnt Ash Road and not Lee Road as previously stated!).

Ice House: After a problem on the last opening day, new padlocks are being fitted.

Planning Matters

29 Southbrook Road: An application has been submitted for the construction of a rear extension which would include a sloping roof across the width of the building. The rear of the property is visible from the railway and so, as the Panel considered the design is not in keeping with the Conservation Area, it objected to the proposal.

79 Effingham Road: This application has been submitted with a view to restoring the Victorian style front garden of the property so the Panel were pleased to approve it with the

exception of the narrow pillars to the front wall.

72 Effingham Road: Application for the construction of a rear extension and the removal of 2 chimney stacks. The rear extension is acceptable but the Panel has objected to the removal of the chimney stacks which are an attractive feature of the property.

Lee Green Assembly

The main item on the Agenda for this meeting was 'Controlled Parking Issues' which possibly had some influence on the very good attendance. A presentation was made by Malcolm Smith - LBL Executive Director for Regeneration who was supported by Linda Swinbourne - LBL Interim Head of Parking. The subsequent 'questions and answers' session was quite intense. Local residents are obviously very strongly opposed to the full-day parking controls applied in previous CPZs and seemed to be strongly in favour of the one or two-hour midday parking ban option. As a result, Mr Smith promised that he would arrange for a review to be undertaken. ... so, watch this space!

There were also updates on:

Leegate: Cllr Jim Mallory reported that the Lease on the Community Centre had been extended by 2 years and that St. Modwen had indicated (possibly as a result of the recent very bad report in the Evening Standard) there would be action from them in the near future.

Manor Park Bridge: Helen Ferguson (LBL) reported that, unfortunately, there will be a delay in the commencement of construction because Japanese Knotweed has been discovered in the area. There are 2 options for removal, one costing in the region of £40,000 and the other in the region of £4,000; not surprisingly the latter has been chosen.

Youth: - Muhammad Rahmani reported strong progress with activities both indoor and outdoor. There was also a very good presentation by three young men who would like to create a skateboard park in Edith Nesbitt Park. Muhammad said he would be able to offer help and advice because he has been involved in the creation of Park elsewhere in the Borough.

Community Garden: Karen Pollock gave a update on the progress of the garden which is also available on our Website.

Any Other Business

We discussed the recent influx of substantial street markings and also 'street clutter' and all agreed it was excessive and that we should make representations against it. In the discussions at the Assembly Meeting Malcolm Smith did indicate that he agreed we had excessive street clutter in Lewisham and that he would investigate the possibility of some reduction.

We would like to thank Charles for hosting the meeting

Updates – 31 May 2011

In Memorium

We are saddened to report that Jan Goodwin, one of our most ardent and long standing supporters, died recently. Many of us will remember her skills in creating jams, preserves and chutneys, which she generously supplied to the Plant Mart and which contributed measurably to our Annual Fundraising. Our thoughts are with Michael at this time.

Burglaries

There have been yet more local burglaries, often late at night while families are asleep in the property. Entry is variously by forcing a rear window, leaning on a front door, or even hooking keys out through the letter box. If you are suspicious of any unusual activity, do please call the police and let our SNT know: SNTPL-LeeGreen@met.police.uk