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**Next Regular Meeting -
7.30pm on 11th March 2020
at: 12 Micheldever Road, London SE12 8LX
*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end at 9.00pm with refreshments afterwards.***

Notes of our Meeting on 12th February 2020

Present: David Plumer, Barbara Bird, Charles Batchelor, David Ford, Mary Donovan, Margaret Boyston, Frances Migniuolo, Veronica Simmonds, Ralph White (Chairman), Patti Byford, and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Rita Craft and Sylvia Ling

Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhoods Traffic Scheme

The Council arranged a public drop-in event on 6th February where local residents were invited to discuss the 11th draft of proposals with Councillors and Officers. The proposals were also the main subject for discussion at the recent Assembly meeting, attracting a massive attendance and a tense but controlled discussion. The scheme was initially put forward by Transport for London (TfL) and is funded by TfL but it did not have any representatives in attendance at either of the meetings. The scheme aims to reduce rat-running and improve air quality in the area. The Council is under directions (going back to GLA) to reduce traffic flow in the area by 80% by 2041. Cllr. Octavia Holland said that 60% of traffic going through the Ward is not stopping or starting within it and there are 6 schools all of which are desperate to improve safety for their children. But many Assembly attendees were not convinced by the proposals and expressed severe concern about the access for emergency services, more pollution around schools and extended car journeys (e.g. to Lewisham Hospital) due to the road closures. Convenient access to Hither Green Station is also severely restricted.

A question was raised as to whether there had been any consultation with local shop keepers since some, reliant upon passing trade, could be significantly disadvantaged by the proposed road closures. Cllr. Holland agreed they should discuss the proposals directly with local traders. Timed road closures rather than permanent closures were also suggested.

Amongst the most telling comments were (1) the admission that amongst the various groups of residents ‘there will be winners and losers’, and (2) informing the traders on the Chiltonian estate was an afterthought and ‘not many people work there anyway’.

Once a preferred scheme has been agreed the public will be notified and a 6 month trial will be launched.

Lewisham Borough of Culture 2021

Lewisham will be the London Borough of Culture for 2021. The London Borough of Culture is part of Mayor Sadiq Khan's plan to support the arts in London. Lewisham Council has won the award for 2021 and will receive £1.35 million to finance events. The Council will work with Goldsmiths University of London, Horniman Museum, Trinity Laban and The Albany along with grass roots organisations, artists and local communities to help stage a year-long programme of cultural events celebrating the creative talent of the Borough. Our Mayor, Damien Egan, says 'our year will showcase what Lewisham has to offer the rest of London and the UK by harnessing the passion and creativity of our cultural sector and the people of Lewisham and channeling this into a programme which will face up to the most significant challenge facing our planet, the climate emergency.'

Ice House

We are looking to improve the immediate surroundings of the Ice House entrance. This includes hard standing for the table and chairs on opening days, repairs to the railings and entrance grill and a modest noticeboard to advertise Ice House leaflets which are available for sale as well as the Risk Assessment. Both Glendale and Friends of Manor House Gardens support our idea so we now have to put things in motion: a site visit has been conducted and we are now drawing up a Purchase Order. David P. asked that we tighten up record keeping of sales of leaflets / donations and this was agreed.

Planning matters

26 Hedgley Street - construction of single storey side and rear infill extension: We have formally objected to this proposal.

47 Handen Road - Installation of replacement timber framed window and doors: We have no objection to this proposal.

St. Winifred's School: We have been contacted by 2 residents of Effingham Road who are concerned about the installation on the school site. Note added: there are two separate issues: (1) The Portacabins are temporary structures for the housing of the site office and tools / building materials. (2) The approved extension to the main building is being assembled from prefabricated units which will look incongruous until permanently installed.

Leigate: We understand that the stand-off between Lewisham Council and St. Modwen is nearing resolution. We have heard that there are considerations underway for a possible re-branding of the development and we will be represented at a meeting to be held in early March.

54 Burnt Ash Road and 2a Effingham Road: proposed construction of residential accommodation: Lewisham Homes are considering re-developing the garage and parking areas behind the two properties but are consulting with local residents and organisations before submitting a formal Planning Application. There will be a further public consultation when draft plans have been prepared.

Pentland House, Grade II Listed Building: - In January we were advised of the installation of a wooden structure (garden shed?) to the front of Pentland House which is visible from the public road. We have received notification from Planning Enforcement that they were investigating the matter.

Tree walk

Following the success of previous outings, Charles and David are planning a further Tree Walk in May – date to be advised.

We thank Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting