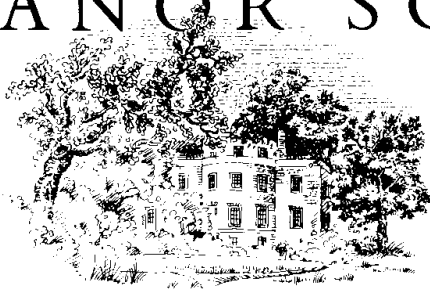


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 9th February 2011
at: The Vicarage, 47 Handen Road, London SE12
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 12th January 2011 at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Paul Connolly, Anita Whitfield, Andrea Breugelmans, Sylvia Ling, Faye Carney, Steve Griffith (Treasurer), Jim Mallory, Sven Griesenbeck, Pauline Beck, Frances Migniuolo, Rev. Richard Bainbridge, Sue Byford, Mark Lyons, John Robson and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Bridget Prentice, Dan Griffin, Suki Picarda, WPC Jodie Clapp (SNT) and Jeremy Carden.

Planning Matters

60-66 Taunton Road: Application to construct a house at the rear - see November Meeting Notes. The Public Meeting which was originally scheduled for December was cancelled and has now been rescheduled to take place at 7pm on 18th January at Manor House Library. We oppose this proposal.

34 Micheldever Road: Solar Panels have been installed on the front roof slope and on the side roof slope which fronts Wantage Road. Charles has pointed out to the Council that we have not seen a Planning Application for the installation and he is waiting for a response.

Manor Park: The Application to construct a new entrance and bridge from Longhurst Road has been approved by the Council along with self-imposed conditions to meet objectors' concerns, e.g. security, screening and the planting of prickly brambles.

Lewisham Core Strategy

This document, which creates a planning blueprint for the next 15 years, is to undergo an 'examination in public' (a form of public inquiry) before an inspector in February. We and other Lewisham conservation groups are considering how best to make our case. In our most recent submission, made last year, we called for greater protection for the character of Lee Green, good quality public spaces and a focus on the natural environment, specifically trees.

Crime in the Conservation Area

Car thefts (breaking and entering rather than stealing vehicles) are still occurring

within the Conservation Area. It is believed that commuters are the targets rather than local residents who are aware of the problem and therefore do not leave items on view in their vehicles. Our local Safer Neighbourhood Team is aware of the problem and has been taking action to prevent it and warn residents. Anita, who is a member of the SNT panel, will mention it to them again at their next meeting.

Leigate

On 6th December 2010 the Local Data Company/BBC Inside Out produced a report on 'Britain's changing High Street' which identified Lee Green as the 'worst retail district' with 34.3% of shops being vacant. The Evening Standard, News Shopper and eastlondonlines, a website, contacted the society for comment. We pointed out that the survey was skewed by St. Modwen's policy of emptying the shopping centre of tenants ahead of redevelopment.

The introduction of Market Stalls to be open on 3 days each week is being promoted and there are advertisements posted in the area inviting participation although initial response has been low.

Jim Mallory reported that the Lease granted by St. Modwen of the Community Centre premises has been extended for a further year. Jim and other Committee members are working hard to increase use of the Centre. Proposals include Arabic classes for children and a shopkeepers' group. Council funding should finance the employment of a Centre Co-ordinator. A further meeting between Councillors, St. Modwen and invited representatives of local groups is planned to discuss the future of Leigate.

Other business.

The second draft of the New Residents 'Welcome Letter' letter was produced and discussed. Some minor amendments were suggested and we hope that the final version will be available for approval at the next meeting.

Jim Mallory thanked the Society for holding funds on behalf of 'Lee Green Lives' pending the opening of their own Bank Account.

Mark Lyons, who recently purchased the lease of a flat at 2a Effingham Road, told us that the residents of the block plan a Residents' Association. The aim is to encourage the Council to improve the condition of the sheds and garages and also the security of the boundary with the neighbouring school.

We would like to thank Faye and Steve for hosting the meeting