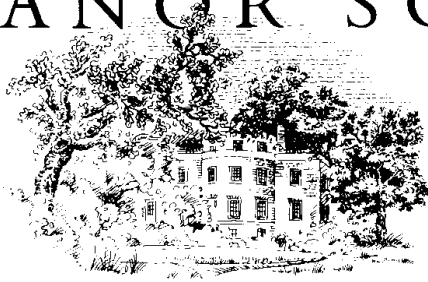


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on 10th February 2016
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 12th January 2016

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Charles Batchelor, Veronica Simmons, Frances Migniuolo, Sue Byford, Judith Pye, Tom Bilson, Gill Stoker, John Robson, Diana Stevenson, Patti Byford, Rita Craft, Suki Picarda, Alex Hirsch, Abi Krukowski (SNT), Luke Turner (SNT), Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Sarah McMichael and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Jim Mallory, Sylvia Ling, Theresa Webb, Pauline Hatfield, Bruce Allison and Anita Whitfield.

Lee Green SNT

Abi and Luke reminded us that there had been burglaries before Christmas in Southbrook Road, Micheldever Road (2-3 in one night and then 2-3 the next week) and also in Taunton Road. The houses targeted had wooden sash windows which were able to be forced open because of poor locking systems. It is advised that anyone with sash windows ensures that they have strong locking systems.

There have also been motor vehicle break-ins in Staplehurst Road, Pascoe Road and the 24hour Car Park in the Leegate Centre where there have also been arrests for drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. The Car Park is not well lit, is open 24h and has no security guards.

Mimosa have been granted a Licence to open a Champagne and Cocktails Bar at the Leegate corner unit 20 Eltham Road - the former restaurant/bar. The Licence authorizes use (including light entertainment) from 12 noon to midnight by over 25's with a smart dress code. The SNT are in discussion with residents of the upper premises in the Centre and hope to be able to arrange a meeting with St. Modwen to discuss the proposal.

For those interested in keeping up to date on SNT matters, Ward Panel Meetings (Lee Green jointly with Blackheath) are held regularly, usually at Lewisham Police Station. However, the next meeting will be in the Baring Room at Manor House Library from 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 12th March, open to all. The meeting will go through burglary/crime statistics, new schemes for the area and there may also be public speakers.

Matters arising from the last Meeting

Lewisham Local Plan: Further to the report given at our last meeting, Charles reminded us that he has written to the Council commenting on the new Local Plan suggesting there should be

control on rear extensions (there is none at the moment where the changes cannot be seen from the highway) and also suggesting improvement to North/South transport links such as a direct bus route from Lee Green to Greenwich. The full submission can be seen on our [website](#).

Leegate

Lewisham Council's Strategic Planning Committee met on 16th December when it was agreed to defer any decision as there are still matters which need to be resolved/clarified. The Chairman confirmed they are not happy with the suggested walkway along Burnt Ash Road which they do not consider to be 'public space'. Each of the local groups (LMS, proposed Forum and Traders) had 5 minutes to give their comments. Charles (for LMS) commented on the reduction in the amount of public space and that the Council's public space calculation does not include the wide walkway from Burnt Ash Road to Leyland Road and Sarah (for the proposed Forum) commented on pollution levels and the fact that the results of the TfL traffic survey have still not been produced. The LMS response can be viewed on our [website](#).

Street Trees

The Council have planted some replacement trees in Effingham Road and also one outside Brindishe School. The dead oak tree in Burnt Ash Road will also be replaced with a younger one which, hopefully, will find it easier to settle in. Charles is concerned that the parking of cars under the trees between the Leegate Centre and Dorville Road is damaging those trees.

Manor House Library

Following Lewisham Council's decision to downgrade the Manor House Library to 'Community' status, the Local Assembly has set up a working party to influence any changes that are proposed. The Manor House is a Grade II* listed building of real local importance and the working party aim is to support a commercially viable use of the building so that the library within it can be assured and even retain some services not provided in the Community Library model. Whichever organisation takes on the asset will obviously have its own business plan, but the working party intends to supply imaginative thinking into its development. For further information please contact Lee Manor Society (Ralph White - leemanorsociety@gmail.com) or the Friends of Manor House Gardens (Paul Lowndes - paul.lowndes@mediapharm.co.uk)

CPZ

Sadly, there is still no confirmation of the date for the introduction of the new regulations for the Lee Green West CPZ.

Planning Matters

Pentland House:- The proposed construction of an additional garden room at the rear was rejected by Lewisham Planning but has now gone to appeal. The structure would be visible from Manor House Gardens especially during winter months. Charles has lodged support for the Council's rejection.

Builders Yard to the rear of Mann & Co. Estate Agents (junction of Southbrook Road and Burnt Ash Road):- The Application was rejected by Lewisham Planning. The applicant appealed but this was rejected.

87 Brightfield Road:- An Application for the installation of roof lights in the front roof slope was rejected but the house owner has appealed. LMS is not able to comment on personal appeals.

New Tiger's Head: There was an Application to convert the Ground Floor to residential use to which Charles lodged an objection. The Applicant has decided to withdraw the Application.

We thank the Leegate Community Centre for facilitating the meeting.