

# LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at  
66 Effingham Road SE12 8NU

**Please note - One week earlier than usual**

*Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards*

### Note of our Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 14 Southbrook Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmans, Yvette Croucher, Jeremy Carden, Kevin Grey, Helen Fielder & Sheila Peck

**Apologies:** Ralph White, Faye Carney, Brian Robson (Lib Dem), the Rev. Richard Bainbridge and May Clarke

### **News on Planning Applications**

For recent planning applications see:

<http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>

Charles had attended the last meeting with the Architect for the proposed extension to 17-19 Northbrook Road (see previous notes) when one or two minor changes to the plans were proposed. The Architect has agreed to leave the front of the building in its existing form.

The Council's refusal to grant consent for the removal of a Lime tree at 49 Effingham Road has now gone to appeal.

In relation to the proposal to build a 2 storey 3 bedroomed house on the vacant plot at 2 Hedgely Street, Ralph had sent a note to advise that details of the facing materials and the site investigation had been submitted to the Council.

It was reported that at the previous evening's meeting of the Manor House Garden Group, John Ratcliffe, the Headmaster of Northbrook School had advised that plans for the new school were progressing well. It is proposed that the main entrance to the school will be from Hedgely Street. The building will be in the form of a horseshoe which will face Brightfield Road and back on to Taunton Road.

We again discussed the possibility of seeking the removal of the 2 large Advertising Hoardings at Lee Station. We agreed that, although when we had raised the matter some 15 years ago we had no success, in view of the fact that we believe the Hoardings only have a temporary permission and that they are certainly not suitable in a Conservation Area, we would pursue the enquiry again. Steve said that he would write to the Council.

## **Library**

The proposed meeting of the Project Board on 6 July was cancelled and rescheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> August. We await further news following the meeting but in the meantime Sue Byford has advised that Antonio Rizzo has indicated that the previously proposed extensions would not be built and alterations would only be as far as was necessary to provide disabled access and facilities.

## **The Manor House Gardens User Group**

Several of us had attended the AGM the previous evening. Although he was not present at the meeting, it was reported that Jim Mallory (a former Labour Councillor) had indicated that he would be prepared stand as the Chairman provided he had support from the Group Committee Members. We all agreed that this seemed to be a positive step forward towards the Group remaining independent.

## **Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

The recently formed Team consists of 1 Sergeant, 2 Police Officers and 2 Community Officers. They are regularly on patrol in the area and particularly in the park, Leegate and around Northbrook School. They can be contacted on 020 8721 2482 or 07920 233877. A Community Committee has been selected from residents the Police have encountered on their patrols. Although no-one had been to the most recent meeting of the Team we had received a message from PC Rebecca Jabbar. We had invited a representative to come to our meeting but no-one had been available as a result of prior commitments. We agreed that we would invite them to future meetings.

## **30 Year Project**

Jeremy reported that he has now prepared the first draft of the Time Line and he brought along a copy for us to view. We were all very favorably impressed. Progress is being made in the preparation of a list of names and addresses of invitees: Ralph has drafted a tentative list for comment, Yvette is designing the invitation and Charles will look after distribution of the invitations. Any suggestions, please let us know.

## **Street Trees**

Charles has begun compiling our annual planting list for the Council. Planting of new trees is due in November. We agreed to request replacement of trees outside 75/77 Effingham Road, at the corner of Manor Lane and Handen Road and outside 26/28 Southbrook Road (North Side). Additional suggestions are invited.

## **Graffiti**

We are doing very well and our outings continue to be usually on the fourth Sunday of each month at around 2.30ish. Anyone interested in helping should check with Charles on 020 8852 1644.

**30th Anniversary Celebrations**  
**Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7.00pm – 9.30pm**  
**Stark Gallery, Lee High Road**

**Don't forget – come and view our photographic collection and celebrate our successes.**  
**No admission Charge. Meet your neighbours and enjoy some cheese and wine as well as Stark**  
**Gallery's latest art display.**