

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30pm on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
**Community Centre, Leegate**

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

## **Notes of our Meeting on 13th April 2016**

**Present:** Ralph White(Chairman), David Plumer, Gill Stoker, David Ford, Patti Byford, Sue Byford, Sylvia Ling, Charles Batchelor, Chris Peters, Pippa Bampton and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Anita Whitfield, Sarah McMichael, Veronica Simmons, Frances Migniuolo, Bruce Allison, Rita Craft and Lorraine Burton.

### **Matters arising from last Meeting**

**Library:** Organisations which have expressed an interest in taking on the proposed Community Library have been visiting the building for inspections hosted by library staff. It is anticipated that those who are moving towards more formal proposals will be invited to meet with representatives of Lee Green community groups early in June. According to the Lewisham Council timetable the formal handover will take place on 18 August. 2016.

**Neighbourhood Forum:** The group will be having its first AGM at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May in the new Halcyon Book Store at Lee High Road (opposite Boone's Chapel). The date has been changed since we circulated our last Newsletter.

**Proposed new school adjacent to Miller's Meadow:** To help communicate updates on what is happening with the proposed new IAG School a Facebook page has been created at <https://www.facebook.com/SaveBowringSportsGround/> In order that we, as local residents, can have some influence on any decisions made, we are asked to 'like' and 'share' the page with as many people as possible.

### **Ice House**

A new version of the support Rota will be issued shortly but we are still short of volunteers particularly for the Manor House Gardens Party in the Park on 18<sup>th</sup> June when we would like to open the Ice House and also, with other local groups, have a stall for Lee Manor Society in the proposed Marquee. If anyone is able to help, please do let us know.

David P explained that the ‘float’ in the Ice House cashbox needs to be in small change to facilitate purchase of leaflets.

### **Planning**

Leegate: Local residents have recently received a letter (dated 11<sup>th</sup> April) from Lewisham Council identifying where further information provided by St. Modwen on their Planning Application for the redevelopment of the site can be viewed. Please note that the reference number for the application is DC/14/90032 – not as shown on the letter. It seems that no change is proposed in either the public space area, or the covered arcade. St. Modwen have simply produced additional information which supports their original proposals. We have written in to reiterate our previous objections. We will have to wait and see how the Council respond.

### **CPZ**

The installation of the new ‘time control’ signs is continuing and short poles have been installed in the new CPZ areas. We are aware that some residents are not happy with the number of new posts in roads but this is because there must be a sign for each designated parking bay. So, where permitted parking (and the white line) is interrupted by pavement cross-overs to properties there have to be more posts. As we said last month, the newly installed signs are temporarily covered with black plastic which will be removed when all the installations are complete and the parking restriction time change can take effect. The scheme is operational from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May but will not be enforced for two weeks so that residents can apply for the required permits.

### **Plant Mart – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 4pm at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road**

The arrangements are fully under way and we have agreed that we will, this year, put up the Notices/Advertisements 2 weeks prior to the day. We have decided to move the Plant Sales area to the garden of No. 6 Micheldever and the Children’s Activities area to No. 2 Micheldever, so please remember to leave your plant donations in the front garden of No. 6 this year! Charles and Patti have agreed to take on responsibility for the Bric-à-Brac Stand and are looking forward to receiving donations.



### **AGM - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Manor House Library at 7.30pm**

Our Speaker this year will be Peter Eversham, the Chair of the London Forum of Civic Societies. Planning policy is in a mess with a series of misguided initiatives intended to sweep away the supposed constraints on economic development imposed by the planning system. Local authorities have neither the resources nor the powers to resist the developers so as to plan liveable and attractive neighbourhoods. We aim to advertise the AGM as widely as possible within the local area and anticipate that delivery of our Annual Newsletter will be at the beginning of May.

*We thank the Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting.*