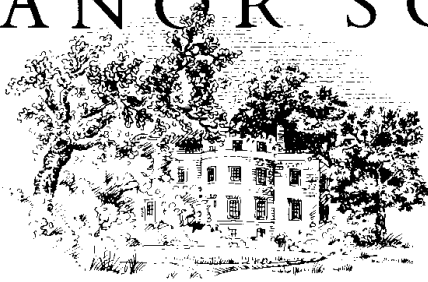


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 7th March 2018
at: The Community Centre, 3 Leegate

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – D.I.Y. refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 13th February 2018

Present: Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Sylvia Ling, Mary Donovan, Charles Batchelor, Rita Craft, Sue Byford, Patti Byford and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Jim Mallory, Judy Cole, Frances Migniuolo and James Cleverley.

Matters Arising from last Meeting

Lee Green Consortium: Frances Migniuolo presented a review of the responses to the questionnaires completed at the Volunteers Get-together last November (47 in all) which produced some good and helpful suggestions for the future promotion, co-ordination and development of local volunteer groups which the Consortium will work on in the coming year. The next meeting will be on 16th May and the Consortium will also be part of the Manor House Gardens Festival on 23rd June.

Planning for Annual Report and AGM: We again discussed delaying the AGM to September but didn't reach an agreement. Moving the date will mean that the Financial Year of the Society will also need to be changed so we did agree to discuss the proposal with our Treasurer. In the meantime, Charles will begin preparation of our Annual Newsletter. **Note added:** the Treasurer and Honorary Auditor confirm there is no financial objection to moving year-end.

Police Ward Panel Meeting

At the last Lee Green Assembly Meeting we were told that Safer Neighbourhood Panel meetings would no longer be held but we have recently been advised that Senior Officers have now decided they must continue. A meeting with the new team is being convened on 10th April and we have been invited to take part. The meeting will be held at Lewisham Police Station from 19:00 – 20:00 and if you would like to attend please contact us so we can submit a list of attendees (we already have some names so no need to respond again if you have replied). Please read about the background from the recent police reorganisation [here](#).

Like our friends in Hither Green, we have had several reports of anti-social behaviour including 2 car break-ins, an attempt by 2 youths to steal a moped, a burglary in Effingham Road where the culprits were initially chased off by the owner but returned later and were then chased off by a neighbour. Do **please** report such events: the SNT maintains a geographical data base of criminal and anti-social activity, is now able to spot patterns of behavior and pro-actively intervene successfully in so-called 'hot spots' – but they need the reports!

Trees

We are pleased to report that Lewisham Council has now planted at least 7 new trees in the Lee Green area (Taunton 2, Brightfield 2, Aislobie 1 and Handen 2) plus 1 each in Woodyates and Pitfold but nothing yet in Milborough. We are waiting for 5 more trees and David F. has written to the Council to confirm delivery and site location. Several of these trees were generously donated by local residents and we are most grateful to them for their generosity. The Borough-wide tree survey result is still awaited.

Street Furniture – Letter Boxes and Telephone Boxes

The routine re-painting of the Letter Boxes has not yet been completed and some of the painting has been of very poor quality which makes us concerned for their future survival. We suggest that the Council undertakes a Borough-wide survey to confirm the general state of repair.

We are also concerned about the state of repair of the traditional red Telephone Kiosks – some of which are no longer in use. Some boxes are being used to house defibrillators where you dial a number to connect to the service. Both Ralph and David F are concerned that the ‘new’ private boxes e.g. in Burnt Ash Road seem to be aimed more at housing expensive (to use) cash machines and gaining an advertising platform than for the provision of a telephone service.

In addition, the increasing number of Cable and BT Broadband Boxes are also creating eyesores in the Conservation Area and the underground ‘spaghetti’ cabling is adversely affecting our ability to plant street trees where they are needed. Some of the cabinets are placed at the kerbside and get swiped by traffic – the bent metalwork just adding to the disagreeable clutter.

Waste collection/disposal – update.

David F is still waiting for an update from the Council on the progress of the recent changes. The co-mixing of kitchen waste (with meat and bones) by operatives with garden waste for composting seems completely at variance with official guidance.

Planning

14 Manor Lane (construction of a hip-to-gable roof extension together with construction of rear roof extension):- Charles confirmed that he has submitted a formal objection to this proposal on the grounds that it will damage the character of this end of terrace house and such proposals are explicitly rejected in Conservation Areas in the draft ‘[Alterations and Extensions](#)’ supplementary document to the Lewisham Local Plan which was issued by the Council in December 2017. This document has now been approved by the Council.

22 Brightfield Road (part one part two storey extension to the rear):- Charles has also objected to this proposal on similar grounds to those stated above although this is a mid-terrace property.

Consolidation of activities with neighbouring Conservation Areas:- The previous fortnightly meetings of Conservation Area Representatives with Lewisham Council Conservation Area Officers to discuss the pros. and cons. of planning applications in Conservation Areas were cancelled over a year ago. There is now a 6-monthly meeting where the Council Planners report on what they have done or intend to do – without any opportunity for consultation. Lee Manor Society is coordinating a meeting of Lewisham Conservation Areas to establish a coordinated strategy to address this issue.

For the diary

The Easter meeting of Lee Manor Society will be held on Wednesday 11 April. The Plant Mart will be held on Saturday 26 May. The Ice House will reopen from 3-5 pm on Sunday 1 April.

We thank the Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting.