

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on 11th July 2007 at
66 Effingham Road SE12 8NU

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

Note of our Meeting on 13th June at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Ralph White, Suki Picarda, May Clarke, Sven Griesenbeck, Fay Carney, Steve Griffiths, Jeremy Carden and Sheila Peck

Introduction

It was agreed that we would, in future, have a written agenda for our meetings which would be produced in advance and e-mailed to all members who have that facility. We also discussed the possibility of hiring a venue for future meetings but came to no final decision on that point. It was agreed that we should encourage new members/attendees and work harder to integrate them into the society. We will hand out a 'Welcome Pack' to new residents and ensure that new attendees feel welcome and are encouraged to attend regularly.

News on Planning Applications - Amenity Panel 31st May decisions

- St. Monica, Micheldever Road – remove dead wood, crown reduce, crown and cut back several trees – no objection
- 11 Manor Lane – construction of single storey extension at rear. The details of the facing materials arrived late and so this was left for an officer to decide.
- 15 Manor Lane – construction of hip to gable and extension and dormer extension at rear and installation of two velux-type roof lights in the front roof slope. The Council did not like the proposed alterations to the front so there may be objections.
- 56 Effingham Road – removal of two sycamores at rear – no objection.
- 31 Southbrook – construction of first floor extension at rear – no objection.

Planning related matters

- Satellite Dishes – 58 Micheldever. Steve Quirk has had e-mail communication with Sky who have told him they do advise customers to seek approval prior to installation, but the advice is not emphasized. Sky have agreed to arrange relocation in this instance at their own cost. Sven is still pursuing the objection in respect of 8 and 10 Southbrook Road. We all agreed we should make a list of dishes in the area, including the large and obtrusive dish at the Handen Road Health Centre and advise Lewisham Council.

We also agreed we should ask the Council for guidance on their attitude to Dishes, Solar Panels and Wind Turbines in the context of the Conservation Area.

- 62 Handen Road. There have been approaches to Cllr Paul Bentley by neighbours who are wanting to sell and consider they are blighted by the condition of 62. The neighbours have offered to fill in the hole in the ground and repaint the front.
- The Dutch lorry parking in Effingham Road. Sylvia has written to the Council to advise them of her concern about the contravention of heavy vehicle parking restrictions but has not yet had any satisfactory response. The Police have been approached but are not prepared to take any action

Northbrook School

We are concerned about the parking arrangements for workers and delivery of goods during demolition and construction. Ralph will write to the Council.

Manor House Library

The plans came before the Cabinet and the Mayor on Wednesday 6 June. One of the officers summarized the scheme and local groups were invited to comment. Charles spoke in favour of the plans citing the need for a modern library and a vibrant community centre. He also said the society backed improved access for the disabled and parents with buggies. Urgent action is needed to prevent any further deterioration of the Manor House, he added. Sue Byford, on behalf of the Garden Users Group, and Cllr Paul Bentley, on behalf of the ward councillors also supported the plans. The Mayor gave his formal approval for the go-ahead. The next stage is a public meeting (25 June) after which the Government Office for London will consider the planning application.

Lee Green Crossroads Design Brief

We have prepared a 20-page design brief that lays out plans to preserve the historic buildings at the crossroads – including the two Tiger’s Head pubs – and ensure new development is sympathetic. We want any redevelopment of Leegate to provide a more interesting retail mix. Charles, Ralph, Bernard and Cllr Brian Robson had a meeting with Heidi Alexander (Deputy Mayor and Lead for Regeneration) and John Miller (Head of Planning) on Friday 8 June. The council representatives responded positively but made no commitments. Previously available schemes that might have funded a council study have been discontinued. We aim to ensure Lee Green is given a higher priority in council planning documents. We are to be invited to the next meeting between St. Modwen, owner of Leegate, and the council. St Modwen are considering the redevelopment of Leegate in 3-5 years time.

Trees

Transport for London have at last tidied the trees around the Leegate. We would also like to see flower tubs and hanging baskets in the area.

T Shirts

Pauline has pursued her contact and established we can get T-Shirts for £6 each. We are making further enquiries but generally feel it is a good idea.

Lewisham Walking Festival

Our historical walk round Lee on 27 May was on the last day of the Festival and the weather cleared just in time for 15 walkers who all thoroughly enjoyed our route. The tour, led by David Plumer, lasted 3 hrs rather than the advertised 2 but everyone stayed to the end. We intend to repeat the event next year and are considering offering a walk around the historic parish of Lee for the Green Chain Walk in September.

Many thanks to Charles for hosting the meeting