

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 10th April 2013
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road, London SE12 8RA
Open to all residents in the area. Business meeting 7.30, nibbles from 9.00 pm

Notes of our Meeting on 13th March 2013 at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Ben Campbell, Marnie Shipard, Faye Carney, Steve Griffith, Rev. Richard Bainbridge, Elisabeth Caulfield, Frances Mignuolo, Tony Branton, Rita Craft and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Pauline Hatfield, Anita Whitfield, Bruce Allison, Jim Mallory, Suki Picarda, and Lorraine Burton.

Tree Planting

The Council's tree planting department has confirmed it expects to start planting towards the end of this month. When the date is confirmed Charles and Elisabeth will make arrangements to be there. We will also remind the Council about the need for tree pruning in Micheldever and Handen Road although we are not confident that this will be done. Hardly any budget has been allocated to pruning which means that only dangerous trees are likely to be dealt with. We discussed the removal of trees by house owners and Charles pointed out that this cannot be stopped unless the tree in question has the benefit of a Tree Preservation Order. We also discussed the problem about identification of species in Applications. Charles confirmed that the existing regulations are vague on this point and we all agreed that there should be - describing a tree as a 'conifer' is too vague to enable the Panel to make a reasonable decision.

New Conservation Area Map and Welcome Letter

We considered the new Conservation Area Map which had been prepared by Bruce Allison and all confirmed our approval. We would like to thank Bruce for his all his hard work in producing the plan. We also considered the new 'Welcome Letter' and confirmed our approval. We will now endeavour to ensure that all newcomers to the Conservation area receive the letter as an introduction to the Society and its work and aims.

Planning Matters

61 Taunton Road. Application for a two-storey rear extension. The Amenity Societies' Panel felt this was too large.

41 Southbrook Road. Application for a single-storey rear extension. The Panel had no objection.

89 Brightfield Road. Application to replace the front door. No objection.

60 Burnt Ash Road. Removal of front garden wall pillars and clearance of front garden planting. Council is investigating.

New Lee Manor Society Conservation Area Leaflet

The Sub-Committee has arranged an early meeting to discuss in detail the contents and design of our new leaflet.

AGM and AGM Newsletter

We are pleased to confirm that Bridget Prentice (our former MP) has agreed to be the Speaker at our **Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday 15th May in the Manor House Library. We discussed matters to be included in this year's Annual Newsletter and agreed it should include an update on the Leegate development proposals as well as the successful tree planting agreements. We will also remind people of the bench we installed at the junction of Taunton Road and Wantage Road and were very pleased that the Rev. Bainbridge was also able to confirm it is being used.

Annual Plant Mart - Saturday 18th May between 2 and 4pm

A reminder that our **Annual Plant Mart** and main fund raising event will be held as usual in the front gardens of 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road on Saturday 18th May. Donations of plants and other goods (especially the very popular cakes) will be very much appreciated. You can contact us through our email (address above).

We would like to thank Faye and Steve for hosting the meeting