

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on Tuesday 9th November 2010 (note day)
at: The Old Tiger's Head, Lee High Road, SE12 (note location)
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 13th October at 105 Burnt Ash Road

- Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chair), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Anita Whitfield, Suki Picarda, Paul Connolly, Patty Byford, Mark Lyons, Jackie Percy and Sheila Peck (Secretary)
- Apologies:** Ralph White, Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths, Sven Griesenbeck, Joelle Subra, Elizabeth Caulfield, Sue Byford, Andrea Breugelmans, Jim Mallory, Jeremy Carden and Dan Griffin.

Tree Planting

Charles has e-mailed the Council to remind them about our request for replacement trees. We made a request last year but had no success. In all we would like 9 trees replaced: Southbrook Road -2, Handen Road -1, Effingham Road -2, Manor Lane -1, Brightfield Road -2 and Lampmead Road -1. We are planning a 'tree trimming' get-together in the near future.

Trinity (ex-Northbrook) School and Plaques

In March 2008 we obtained confirmation that the Northbrook Crest and the original foundation stone from Northbrook School would be 'rescued' by Costain during the school demolition process. We can now report that the plaque laid by Princess Margaret to celebrate the opening of the previous school in 1957 and the Memorial foundation stone laid in 1956 will be installed in the atrium of the new school building. We understand that the Northbrook Crest which originates from the first Northbrook School building on the site will be donated to Lewisham Archives.

With reference to the minor material alterations to the approved planning scheme which were referred to in our last Notes, we can confirm that we have checked the detail and can see no objection to the proposals and have therefore written to the Council accordingly.

Manor House Gardens Users' Group

At the recent meeting of MHGUG the main topic under discussion was the proposed use

of Manor House Gardens by the new Trinity School. A comprehensive timetable of general use (which is available from MHGUG and can be seen on our [website](#)) was produced by school representatives for consideration. The school want to use 'the Cage' area on a regular daily basis at lunch time for football training and at some other times every day of the week during the school term. MHGUG are hoping to agree a timetable with Trinity which will be included in a written agreement to ensure that there is a formal record of the agreed arrangements for future reference.

Planning Matters

84-90 Burnt Ash Road Gas pipes:- Charles, and Paul Saxty who lives in Micheldever Road have had a meeting with a representative of the Gas Board who explained the cause of the problem which is that they are not allowed to go within 3 metres of tree trunks. It was agreed that the Gas Board will investigate the possibility of some sort of cover which could possibly be painted to blend in with the brickwork.

Stark Gallery Social update

Overall we consider the evening went very well and we made some new and useful contacts. The raffle raised £39.90 for the Society and we are waiting for the Treasurer's final financial report on the evening.

Manor Park Gardens - Proposed new entrance and bridge from Longhurst Road

At the time, there were 59 responses to the planning application - 19 against and 40 in favour. Lewisham Council Planning Department organised a Public Meeting on 13th October, the main purpose of which was to give objectors the opportunity to express their views in public. Local Councillors were invited to attend the meeting and, as we support the proposal, we eagerly await news of the outcome. Good progress is being made with the general improvements to the park facilities which include the installation of toilets, a wardens office, cafeteria and children's play area.

Leegate and Lee Green Lives

The proposed meeting with St. Modwyn to discuss the future of Leegate was cancelled and we are now awaiting details of an alternative date.

The meeting to review the constitution for Lee Green Lives pursued a detailed and intense discussion about the suggestions/proposals. We await news of any decisions which were made.

Lee Green Open Studios

This year's [Lee Green Open Studios](#) series of exhibitions takes place on 13/14 and 20/21 November and some of the contributions will be on display in the Lee Green Community Centre. Fifty local artists have produced a range of paintings, jewellery, photographs, ceramics, textiles, prints and sculptures so please do take the opportunity to view the exhibition and explore the new Community Centre.

We would like to thank Charles for hosting the meeting