

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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**The AGM and the next regular meeting of the Society
will be held from 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 November 2021
in the Community Centre, Leegate**

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end at 9.00pm with refreshments afterwards in the Edmund Halley.

Notes of our Meeting on 13 October 2021

Present: David Plumer, Charles Batchelor, Barbara Bird, David Ford, Frances Migniuolo, Patti Byford, John Robson, Tim Crosby, Rita Webb, Ralph White (Chairman), and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Mary Donovan, James Rathbone, Veronica Simmons, Sylvia Ling and Lorraine Burton

COVID Policy

We observed social distancing, face masks, when not speaking and we kept the Centre door ajar to allow natural ventilation and this was agreed by all present and we did not share refreshments.

Draft Annual Review to October 2021

We considered and approved the draft of the Annual Review to October 2021 which can now be viewed on our website.

Accounts

We also considered and approved the draft Annual Accounts to 31 July 2021. We have still not been invoiced for street trees already provided by Lewisham Council and we agreed that, for future financial years, the accounts should include an explanatory line for funds committed but for which no invoice has been received.

Planning Issues

49 Chalcroft Road – Demolition of existing conservatory and lean-to and construction of a single storey rear and side extension.

The proposed new building at the east end of the road would border the garden of a property in the Conservation Area to the west side of Manor Lane where there is an established lime tree and two laurels. Both a survey carried out on behalf of Lewisham Council and a survey carried out on behalf of the owner of the Manor Lane property confirm that the lime tree at the border has been well maintained and contributes to the character of the Conservation Area, amenity, screening, privacy, wildlife, wellbeing and climate change mitigation. The Council's Planning

Officer said the plans for the proposed construction did not include any provisions to safeguard the future of the tree and therefore objected to the proposal. The Application was subsequently withdrawn.

Leegate

St. Modwen has sold its interest in Leegate to Galliard Homes. Ralph and Charles are part of the Leegate Working Group which has been in discussion with Galliard Homes through on-line sessions about the development proposals. The developers feel a tall signature building should be erected at the north west corner of the site but local groups generally feel the height to be too dominant. Local groups are also aware that there is great pressure from both central government and the GLA to provide housing, including affordable housing, and public exhibitions of the next round of proposals are imminent. Your Society will publish details of the consultations as they become available.

Plant Mart

Although held much later than usual because of COVID restrictions, the Plant Mart was a popular success and we made over £800 mainly from the sale of the plants. We hope that next year we will be able to hold the event towards the end of May as usual.

Ice House

We thank Sylvia Ling for providing the finance for the construction of the small, paved area at the south side of the entrance to the Ice House where on open days we can now safely place our table and chairs on what was uneven and muddy terrain. The front left metal corner post on the guard railings has also been well repaired: thank you, Glendale for your excellent work. Due to COVID concerns, the Ice House was only open on various dates from 1st August to 19th September which included Open House weekend but, as usual, we had lots of visitors and received some very generous donations.

Street Trees and Tree Walk

We again discussed the removal of street trees by the Council and would like to know what has happened to the S106 monies from the old St. Winifred's School site which was destined to be used towards the cost of street trees.

David F and Charles have decided that the next Tree Walk will take place on Saturday 30th October starting in Effingham Road at 11am.

Based on this success we are also considering a History Walk in the near future.

LTN – Low Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme

As a result of many complaints about the original scheme, temporary amendments were introduced. The adjustments implemented have largely been accepted in the conservation area but the surrounding areas on all boundaries are still not happy with the displaced traffic, especially the environs of Woodyates Road, Burnt Ash Hill, Hither Green Lane and areas to the north and east of the A20. The Council are now analysing more than 6000 responses they received to their formal consultation on the scheme and hope to make a decision on its future by the end of this year.

We thank Lee Green Community Centre for facilitating the meeting