

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Meeting

7.30pm on Wednesday 8th September 2010

at: 12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 14th July at 11 Wantage Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Andrea Breugelmans, Frank Linden, Anita Whitfield, Sue Byford, Elizabeth Caulfield, Paul Connelly and Pat Hayes (Lewisham Healthy Walks) and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Dan Griffin, Steve Griffiths, Faye Carney, and Pauline Hatfield.

Lewisham Healthy Walks

Paul Connelly and Pat Hayes came to the meeting to tell us about this project which is being run by Lewisham Council. All walks are led by a trained volunteer leader and last about 45 mins followed by a cup of tea wherever possible. Walks take place around the Borough and information is available on the website www.whi.org.uk/walkfinder and a leaflet is available in Libraries. Until March this year no walk was available locally but Paul now leads one which begins at the café in Manor House Gardens at 11.15am on Monday mornings. Just turn up if you want to join the group. If you are interested in becoming a 'leader' the next training session will be from 23rd to 31st September.

Failure of obtain listing of two Tigers Head Pubs

English Heritage have sadly turned down the applications for the listing of both buildings. Pubs were built and rebuilt in huge numbers during the late-Victorian period and also survive in large numbers. The Old Tigers Head was not accepted for listing because of extensive changes to the interior and also the exterior does not stand out and is rather "staid". Listing of the New Tigers Head was also rejected because of the large amount of alteration which has taken place. Only the front façade is now of interest. The fact that the two pubs face one another across the road was taken in to account but was not a sufficient reason for listing. Charles will now submit an application for local listing with the aid of the professional architects' description of both buildings which he has received from English Heritage.

Street Clutter

We are concerned about the large number of signs/posters which local groups and

individuals are attaching to lamp posts and fences etc in the area to advertise table sales, missing pets etc. We understand the reasoning and are even guilty of it ourselves - but, we always ensure that our signs are removed immediately after our event. We would like to take this opportunity to ask those responsible to make sure that signs/posters are removed promptly in future because there is also the very practical issue that if they are not it could lead to a local authority fine.

Society Funds

We are considering how to make best use of the funds raised at the Plant Mart etc. in addition to our regular programme of tree planting and environmental improvements. Another bench either in Manor House Gardens or on a local street corner is a possibility but we are open to suggestions? Do contact us at news@leemanorsociety.org

CPZ

We should be getting a second consultation opportunity on plans to extend the CPZ further into the conservation area in the near future. We would much prefer a more flexible system than that which has been applied in other CPZs. Apparently the first consultation produced a 13 per cent response rate and majority of just 51.5 per cent in favour of opening consultations (that is, not of applying a CPZ). A majority of residents in Handen, Micheldever and Wantage Roads were not even in favour of opening consultation. This seems strange given the strength of feeling among individual residents who have contacted the society in the past.

Leegate and Lee Green Lives

The Lee Green Lives group, Chaired by Jim Mallory, is collaborating with Lewisham Youth Services and MakeBelieve Arts (www.makebelievearts.co.uk) to run a community centre at Leegate. Major progress has been made with the granting of a lease on Unit 3 Leegate Shopping Centre - opposite Iceland. There is much to be done but a Youth Summer Scheme has commenced over the school holidays. There was a preview from 4.30 - 8.00 pm on Wednesday 28 July with an official opening by Jade Lawrence (Youth Lead), Mayor Steve Bullock, MP Heidi Alexander, supported by St Modwens.

Community Garden

Lewisham Homes has indicated it is prepared to grant a Lease for part of the land at the rear of 94 Burnt Ash Road, alongside Micheldever Road, for use as a Community Garden. There are certain formalities to be settled before a Lease can be granted, and the Society is investigating whether it can give some overarching support to the Gardens Group who would like to champion the project in order to get things underway. We have already provisionally agreed to fund the Indemnity Insurance premium in the region of £200 for one year only. This is an essential pre-requisite to the grant of the Lease.

Stark Gallery Social

Don't forget our Annual Social Event on **Friday 17th September** at Stark Gallery, Lee High Road from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

We would like to thank Andrea and Bernard for hosting the meeting