

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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OUR NEXT MEETING

**8pm on Wednesday 12th July at
14 Southbrook Road**

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

Note of our Meeting on 14th June at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Yvette Croucher and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Jim Mallory, Steve Griffiths, Faye Carney, Jeremy Carden and May Clarke

News on Planning Applications

The new café at 105 Manor Lane is now open and trading and the internally-illuminated sign has been removed as requested by the Council – see 8 February Meeting Notes.

The last meeting of the Amenities Society Panel discussed the application for roof lights at 49 Southbrook Road and recommended 2 roof lights at the side rather than the front. In view of the increasing number of similar applications in the area (another this week by St. Monica in Micheldever Road) we considered the possibility of suggesting to the Council, or at FOCAS, that they adopt some uniformity of procedure when considering similar requests.

In his absence Steve had sent a Memo raising the possibility of seeking the removal of the 2 large Advertising Hoardings at Lee Station but we all thought there would be little likelihood of success in view of the length of time they have been there already which probably means they have established rights.

Charles agreed to pursue with Lewisham Planning and Enforcement the removal of the plastic windows which have been installed in the upper flat at 82 Handen Road (the house is in multiple occupation which means that the installation is unlawful although it would have been acceptable if it were in single occupation) and the uPVC windows installed at 43 Micheldever Road which it has been agreed should be replaced

The Council has refused to grant consent for the removal of a Lime tree at 49 Effingham Road and this application has now gone to appeal which the Government Office for London are considering.

Leegate

Charles confirmed that the redundant poles in Burnt Ash Road (10 May Meeting Notes) had been removed and also said that he had raised the suggestion of a sub-group to look into the possibility of a Design Brief at the last meeting of FOCAS. It was agreed that, in view of the closure of the New Tigers Head and its offer for sale Greenwich Council should be asked about their policy on local

listing of buildings particularly since Yvette reported that she had been advised by the Selling Agents that the property had already been sold. We discussed the possibility of involving Neil Rhind to share his notes on Lee Green and the history of its buildings.

The Manor House Gardens User Group

Their AGM is to take place on 11th July in the Café in the Park and we all agreed we should encourage them to remain independent. Ralph agreed to add the Minutes of MHGUG as a link on our Website.

Plant Mart

Another successful year - despite the unfavourable weather. We made £755.00 which was slightly more than last year. Plants made £198.00, Bric-à-Brac £108.00, Cakes £167.00, Raffle £100.00 and the other items all exceeded last year's figures. The Rotary Club was successful in their charity sale of Lavender and we all agreed that the inclusion of their stall was most welcome and had complemented our function. We had quite a few plants left over and decided to donate them to the local Church for their fete on 24th June. The increase in the number of youngsters attending was a good thing.

Library

There is no further news on the proposals but Ralph advised that there had been a meeting of the Council on the previous Tuesday although he had no feed back about it. Apparently the Project Board is not being reconvened but Ralph agreed to continue to chase. **Note added:** The Project Board will reconvene on 6 July.

30 Year Project

We expect to receive the draft of the Time Line from Jeremy at the next meeting so that we will be able to consider it then. As the date (15 September) is fast approaching we should now be deciding who should be invited and Yvonne volunteered to help form a list of names and addresses.

Ice House

We received a request from the Park Managers to run an electric cable from the Ice House for their proposed theatrical evening and it was agreed we should assist. Charles has received a letter of invitation in respect of the Open House Weekend (on 15th September this year) and confirmed he would accept on our behalf.

Graffiti and Street tidiness

Charles has been in touch with the Council again about the embankment at Lee Station and will also chase them about Christine's and Mr. Patel's in Manor Lane which have not yet been dealt with. Good progress was made on the last outing when the team also collected 5 sacks of rubbish which was disposed of. We discussed the possibility of the group also trimming growth around the base of various trees in the streets but it was generally felt that this would be too much to undertake.

Lee Station Proposal

Charles wrote to the Council on 19th May and to Charles Higham at South Eastern Railways who had confirmed he would forward our request to the local Manager with a request that he consider our proposal to maintain the profusion of wild flowers on the southern embankment.

Web Site

The general opinion was that we were all very impressed with the progress on the Web Site and are very pleased that the connections do work!

Many thanks to Charles Batchelor for his hospitality