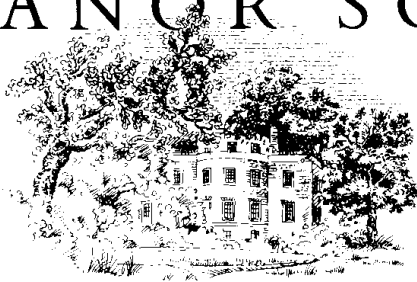


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Meeting - Please note 1 week later than usual

8pm on Wednesday 16th January 2008 at

11 Wantage Road, London SE12

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

Note of our Meeting on 14th November at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffith, Fay Carney, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Sue Byford, Jeremy Carden and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Ralph White, May Clarke, Brian Robson, Esther Holland and Jeremy Carden

News on Planning Applications - Amenity Panel Decisions

- **94 Effingham Road.** Construction of single storey extension to rear with rear dormer window and roof lights to front - the dormer window and roof lights were considered to be damaging to the area and the contextual information inadequate. The Society has also found that no application has been made for the construction of the shed to the side of the property although this is required for a building which is nearer to the road than the house.
- **66 Handen Road.** Construction of single storey building on site of existing sheds - no objection.
- **110 Burnt Ash Road.** Fell a Sycamore to front of property plus work on several trees to rear - the Panel had no objection to the proposed work on the trees to the rear but objected to the removal of the Sycamore and suggested that it be made the subject of a TPO. The tree is not likely to cause damage and its removal would mean there were no trees in the front.

Pending Applications

- **14 Southbrook Road.** Crown reduce a Birch tree by 25% and remove 2 overhanging limbs from Lime trees to the rear .
- **46 Southbrook Road.** Crown reduce a Sycamore at rear by 60%.
- **117 Taunton Road.** Construction of part 1/part 2 storey extension to the side which is a gap between 2 terraces. The Society is not in favour of this proposal although we feel that a single storey extension may be acceptable.
- **46 Effingham Road.** Construction of an extension to the rear roof slope.
- **15 Effingham Road.** Remove 2 Cypress trees from the rear.
- **133-135 Taunton Road.** Confirmation of details of facing materials of proposed extensions to rear.

Conservation Area Appraisal

Our Chairman wrote to the Planning Department calling for Hedgley Street be included within the proposed extension of the area and e-mailed again on 29 October. We are pleased that our

suggestion has received very strong support from local Councillors and Hedgley Street residents and we believe that approximately 10 of the property owners have themselves written to the Planning Department in support of our suggestion. We believe that the inclusion of Hedgley Street is vital to the coherence of the Conservation Area. It will encourage owners to restore original features to the properties when future works are undertaken.

Annual Social Evening

Friday 7th December at Stark Gallery, 384-386 Lee High Road between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. We have invited many local Council and Organisation representatives as well as all local residents within the existing and proposed extended Conservation Area. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to meeting you and, hopefully, to increasing our membership as a result.

Locality Fund

We have received confirmation from Paul Bentley that all our suggestions (see last month's Minutes) have been included in the Fund list. We have therefore obtained further information about costing of the History Board for Leegate and hope that Jeremy will be able help with the design. (Note added: our application for the History Board has been successful).

Northbrook School/Plants and Trees

The removal of plants and small trees from the gardens of the old school was successfully undertaken as recorded in a recent edition of News Shopper. We are pleased to report that Glendale has re-planted all the trees in Manor House Gardens and we have replanted other items in various locations around the Conservation Area. Many thanks to the Deputy Head, Esther Holland, for permission.

The use of part of Manor House Gardens by the school is still under discussion.

Street Trees

We have received a letter from the council's "green coordinator", advising that the council has already committed this year's tree allocation elsewhere in Lewisham but our request will be put on file for next year. This is a setback to a long-term efforts to maintain and increase local greenery.

Manor House Library

We have just heard that the plans have been given final approval by the Government Office for London. Work will commence after 8 December and should be completed by the end of 2008. In the meantime a Mobile Library will be available in the forecourt of the Manor House. We sincerely congratulate Antonio Rizzo and his team on this excellent result.

An invitation to visit to the Baring Archives

The offices of ING Bank in London Wall house the Baring Archives comprising both pictures and documents. The Baring family owned the Manor House and have many local connections. ING acquired Barings for £1 after it was bankrupted by Nick Leeson in 1995. We have arranged a visit on Tuesday 15 January from 6pm to 8pm for society members and local residents. Please contact Charles on 07785 952 676 or email batchelorc@googlemail.com if you would like to come. Numbers are limited to 20 so attendance is on 'a first come first served' basis.

Unauthorised Parking

We are still pursuing the parking of lorries in Effingham Road but will have to refer to TfL as the Council advise that they can take no action.

Many thanks to Faye and Steve for hosting the meeting