

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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An Extraordinary General Meeting of Lee Manor Society will be held on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 67 Effingham Road, London SE12 8NT starting at 7.30 pm when it is proposed to adopt the revised Constitution. The EGM will be followed by our normal monthly meeting.
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 14th September 2011 at the Old Tiger's Head

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), David Plumer, Anita Whitfield, Sylvia Ling, Faye Carney, Veronica Simmonds, Steve Griffiths, Mandy Luming, James McCeinnon, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Joyce Clossick, Christine Bainbridge, Andrea Hughes, Patti Byford, Terry Bainbridge and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Ralph White, Dan Griffin, Bridget Prentice, Andrea Breugelmanns, Jim Mallory, Frances Mignivolo, and Jeremy Carden.

Constitution

A draft of the proposed new Constitution for the Society was circulated for consideration before the meeting. There was a brief discussion to clarify the length of the term of service of Committee members and a more detailed discussion to confirm the extent of the area covered by the Society's interests. It was agreed that any further comments should be sent to the Society for consideration and agreement before the EGM on 12th October when it is proposed that the Constitution should be formally adopted.

Treasurer

As mentioned in our last Minutes, Lorraine Burton, the Society's new Treasurer, came to this month's meeting and we were pleased to introduce her to members who attended. As we also said in last month's notes, Lorraine has lived within the Conservation Area for the last six years and is therefore well acquainted with the purpose, activities and interests of the Society. We are sure that we will be able to make very good use of Lorraine's vast experience in the accounting world and are looking forward to a long and happy association.

Open House Weekend.

We agreed an amended Rota for the Ice House over the coming weekend 17-18 September when we will open it from 12noon until 5pm. We expect to receive many visitors. Since our opening in June 2000 we have welcomed more than 17,000 people to view the Ice House. This weekend will be the last opening for this year. Next year

we will again open the Ice House on the first and third Sunday of each month during the summer. Our first opening will be on Sunday 8th April 2012.

Stark Social Evening

Unfortunately we have been advised that the changes at Stark Gallery will not be complete in time for our planned Social Evening and we have therefore agreed to postpone the event. We are considering what to do and will let everyone know as soon as we can.

Planning Matters

The Manse, 372 Lee High Road - former Boone's Almshouses: Charles has asked for the Chapel to be locally listed although, in view of the recent alterations to the frontage, we cannot be sure that this request will be successful. There have been 17 objections lodged in respect of the Application for the demolition and redevelopment proposals. The Application has gone to the Design Panel and we are waiting to hear whether or not there will be a public meeting to discuss the proposals.

Café, 105 Manor Lane: The request is for the extension of opening hours to run from 6.30am to 6.00pm including Sundays. Mandy and James said that the café has been opening between those hours for the last 3 months. Charles said the Application had been to the Amenity Panel who decided it should be deferred to the opinion of the local residents.

New Seating Bench within the Conservation Area

The preferred location has been identified as being on the corner of the Council Estate at the junction of Taunton Road and Wantage Road - across from the entrance to Northbrook (now Trinity) School. Lewisham Homes has confirmed that they will have no objection. Sylvia produced example photographs of benches/seats made by Riverwood and told us that it had been agreed the bench should not be 'too comfortable' and will therefore probably have no (or a very low) back support. The estimated cost will be in the region of £500. A final decision has yet to be made.

Leegate Traders Group

The owners of shops in the Leegate centre have held meetings to establish a Traders' Group the better to represent their interests when dealing with St Modwen, owners of the freehold, and others. Charles attended their first meeting and said their actions had the Society's full support. (The Society drew up a draft design brief for the entire Lee Green crossroads in 2007 and designed and installed the heritage panel on the Leegate corner.)

Lee Green Assembly

The main point of interest to the Society this time was controlled parking within the Ward. It was agreed that a small Working Group would be formed (ideally of no more than 8-10 members drawn from each of the existing CPZ and areas not yet in a CPZ) to look at parking issues across the whole ward. Different issues affect different parts of the Ward but it is felt preferable to try and deal with them together rather than separately. Names were collected and we are waiting to hear further. It is hoped that some resolution could be achieved within 4-6 months.

We would like to thank the Manager of the Old Tiger's Head for the use of the Music Room