



Lee Manor Society 1976 - 2009

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Next Meeting
8pm on Wednesday 9th September 2009
at 105 Burnt Ash Road, SE12

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

Notes of our Meeting on 15th July at 66 Effingham Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Steve Griffiths, Faye Carney, Jeremy Carden, May Clarke, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sue Byford, Suki Picarda, Anita Whitfield and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Bridget Prentice, Jim Mallory, Fr. Richard Peers, and Dan Griffin.

English Heritage Campaign for Conservation Areas

A recent survey has revealed that one in seven Conservation Areas are 'at risk'. In Lewisham Beckenham Place Park and Deptford High Street are considered to be 'at risk'. Fortunately for us, the good news is that Areas with an Article 4 Direction are almost twice as likely to improve in the next three years and Areas with community support are more than twice as likely to have improved in the last three years. Lee Manor comes within both those criteria. The survey has prompted us to undertake a survey and maintain a record of house frontages within our area. The EH campaign website is at: www.english-heritage.org.uk/

Lewisham Open Day in Mountsfield Park

Several of us attended this annual event and were very impressed by the contribution from local groups and organisations. It was agreed that the Conservation Area Groups would consider having a stall to promote their interests at next year's Open Day.

Lee Green Assembly Meeting in Manor House Gardens

We had a table and also our Display Board. Reasonable interest was shown but we would have preferred more and feel we must review our approach before next year's event. We also had our Display Board on show at the Party in the Park when we opened the Ice House for the day.

Lee Green Heritage Panel

The final format of the Panel has been approved and we were advised by A. J. Wells that it would be ready at the beginning of July. (Delivery was made in August.)

Tree and Plant Damage

We have noticed damage to several street trees which we are endeavouring to resolve as follows:

Cherry Trees

Manor Lane (in front of convenience store at junction with Handen Road): We requested the Council tree section to provide a support for this tree which was leaning at a steep angle. A letter was sent on April 24 and a follow-up call made in June when no action was taken. On June 22 we were told the contractor had failed to follow instructions but the job would be done. Four months later we are still waiting.

Manor Lane (towards Old Road): has been broken off at the trunk.

Wantage Road and Taunton Road junction (outside Northbrook School site): has been broken off at the trunk.

Lime trees at the Burnt Ash Road end of Taunton Road and in Micheldever Road need trimming and we will ask the Council to deal with them.

Our planting at the corner of Effingham and Wantage Roads has been damaged. To judge by the debris, this appears to have been done by contractors working on tarmacking.

Planning related Matters

Charles has received a letter and a form from Lewisham Council in connection with a proposed consultation with local groups who are interested in planning matters. We are definitely interested and Charles has therefore ticked all the appropriate boxes and returned the form.

Web Site

Ralph is currently working hard on updating our Web Site and also on preparing a new logo for our letterhead and information leaflets. We are considering the design and the type of print we would prefer.

Annual Party

This will be held on **Friday 11th September** as usual at Stark Gallery, 384-386 Lee High Road starting at 7.30pm. Ralph is preparing a flyer to circulate to local residents.

Graffiti

We reported graffiti on the side of the Burnt Ash Road fish and chip shop to the lovelewisham website. It was removed within 24 hours. Maybe the graffiti team should take over tree works.

Many thanks to Faye and Steve and for hosting the meeting