

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 12 April 2017
at: The Community Centre, 3 Leegate

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – d.i.y. refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 15th March 2017

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Patti Byford, Charles Batchelor, Veronica Simmonds and Sylvia Ling.

Apologies: Rita Craft, Jim Mallory, Pippa Bampton, Judy Cole, Dan Griffin, Frances Migniuolo and Sheila Peck.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to comment on a [Planning Application](#) provided they give a 'planning' reason for the objection. Personal details must also be provided.

Trees: Three applications for tree works were noted: all are for routine maintenance and there are no objections.

Satellite dishes: The list of 71 potential infringements within the Conservation Area has been submitted to Planning Enforcement.

Planning Policy: The Society has been invited to send a representative to a meeting of Amenity Groups with Planning Officers, headed by Emma Talbot, at Lewisham Council on 23 April to hear about changes in the Planning Department and to Planning Policy. Both Ralph and Charles will attend.

Manor House and Library

The Council meeting (Mayor and Cabinet) at which they will make their final decision between the three contenders for the contract to run the Manor House and Library has again been delayed and will now take place on 22nd March. It is understood that the successful bid came from a group called [V22](#) who currently run Forest Hill Library as well as other important assets outside of the Borough. New arrangements are expected to be in place starting 19 April. One key issue is how much Community access there will be to the building, and what flexibility there will be with choice of rooms; Cllr Jim Malory will take up these points in discussion with V22 in advance of the Manor House and Library Steering Group meeting with V22.

Ice House Rota

The Ice House will be reopened from 2 April (3 – 5 pm) for the 2017 season and a revised rota has been prepared and circulated. In line with good Health & Safety policy we will update the Risk Assessment for the openings.

Lee Forum

[Lee Forum](#) are holding meeting at Soul Refresh Café on 20 March to review progress towards the Neighbourhood Plan and Lee Manor Society will be represented.

Ward Panel Meeting – Safer Neighbourhood Team

Charles and David F. attended a meeting with the Lee and Blackheath Safer Neighbourhood team but were unable to elicit any firm information concerning the enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit within the Borough. There is the possibility of training Lee Manor Society members to deploy speed guns in the area to help ascertain the extent of the speeding problem. For future meetings, let us know your concerns e.g. about the recent spate of shop break-ins in the Manor Lane area.

Trees

Two kind offers of tree purchase have been received (Taunton Road, Brightfield Road) and David F. and Charles are following these up.

Lee Green Consortium

A planning meeting for the Consortium Marquee at the Manor House Gardens Festival (24 June) has been arranged for 20 April, at which Lee Manor Society will be represented.



Plant Mart – 13th May

We hope that Conservation Area residents are already preparing to produce extra plants which will be put on sale!

In line with good Health & Safety policy we will publish a Risk Assessment for the event.

Details of stalls, and staffing requirements are in preparation and will be circulated to people interested to help us on the day.

AGM – 17th May

In view of the closeness of the date to the changeover in management of the Library we had decided to look for an alternative venue for this year's AGM but because details are now starting to emerge, we will hold off on the final decision until late April. A potential speaker has been identified and Ralph will make a formal approach before any announcement is made.

Annual Review – 2016 - 2017

Charles and Ralph are starting to pull together the Annual Review: Items on local interests and issues will be warmly welcomed!

We thank Julia, Sophie and Harriet White for hosting the meeting.