

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on 14th March 2007 at

12 Micheldever Road SE12 8LX

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

Note of our Meeting on 19th February at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Steve Griffiths, Fay Carney, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Janice and Michael Goodwin, May Clarke, Richard Bainbridge, Suki Picarda, Ralph White, Bridget McGilgen, Pauline Hatfield, Jeremy Carden and Sheila Peck

Apologies: Sue Byford

News on Planning Applications

Planning applications with associated documents can be viewed on Lewisham Council's web site:

<http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>

Click 'advanced search' and select Lee Green Ward

- 1 Church of the Good Shepherd Notice Boards: Richard Bainbridge advised us that an application had been submitted for the erection of 3 new Notice Boards for the Church – 2 the same as before and 1 new one by the Yew tree near the front door of the Church. The Boards would be painted aluminium with varnished oak surrounds, one on existing posts and two on new posts. The Church would like the Boards to be a dark blue colour and Richard showed us pictures of the suggested design. In principle we agreed we would have no objection to the proposal but would like to see the final design in due course.
- 2 New Tigers Head: Greenwich Council has received an application for the conversion of the First and Second Floors into 6 self-contained units – 4 1-bed, 1 2-bed and 1 3-bed with terrace. Plans can be viewed at Peggy Middleton House, Woolwich and the deadline for representations is 7th March. Still no news yet about the Ground Floor.
- 3 49 Manor Lane: timber building at the rear to be used as a leisure room. Jeremy advised that construction was virtually complete and that it is a very large building extending over the width of the garden against the rear boundary with Manor Park Gardens. At the Panel Meeting on 11 January it had been decided that more information was required but we assume that the officials must have made a decision since then.
- 4 Trees – 60 Handen Road: to fell a greengage tree at the rear – the Panel regretted the loss but accepted the proposal; 11 Manor Lane Terrace: removal of a eucalyptus – we agreed we would not object.
- 5 21c Southbrook Road (in the block of flats): installation of uPVC double-glazed windows. The Panel has already taken the view that the grant of consent would have a negative effect for the building as a whole and we therefore assume they will recommend secondary glazing.

We would like to suggest that the Council adopt a Policy about piecemeal replacement with uPVC windows and doors in blocks of flats in order to achieve overall consistency in appearance and Charles agreed he would mention this at the next Panel Meeting.

- 6 31 Southbrook Road: construction of 1st floor extension to the rear and 35 Southbrook Road: construction of disabled lift shaft at rear – we await further details.
- 7 Speed Humps: Janice and Michael reported that the vibration caused by heavy lorries passing over the speed humps can be felt in their property (in Effingham Road) and they are concerned about its possible long term effect. In Micheldever Road cushions have been installed rather than humps and we wonder if this may be a solution to the problem. We agreed we should collect and consolidate information and advice on this point with a view to the preparation of a critique to submit to the Council.

Manor House Library

The Project Manager, Antonio Rizzo has advised that the formal planning application process has begun. The next Project Meeting involving us and the Park and Library Groups is on 29th March which will probably be the last opportunity to influence the plans. Antonio confirmed the formal application will then be submitted. So far there has been consultation with English Heritage at every stage to ensure they agree with the proposals. As the original staircase in the House was removed many years ago, English Heritage will not object to the proposed lift, which will have 8 person capacity. In view of potential conflict of interest, the Planning Application will go to the Government Office for London rather than Lewisham Council. Suggested uses for the building, apart from the library, include wedding receptions, local society meetings, council “away days” and possibly a film club. The News Shopper published a letter from Charles recording that our polling of local residents showed support for the scheme although opinions differed on the details. He wrote that compromise was necessary to restore an historic building and that further delay was no longer acceptable. Jeremy reported that he had attended a Library User Group meeting where objections to plans for a lift in the central stairwell of the library were raised. Lee Manor Society accepts the lift as a necessary compromise and continues to support the overall Project.

AGM and Plant Mart

We have agreed on Wednesday May 2 for the AGM at Northbrook School and Saturday May 12 for the Plant Mart. Diana Rimel, local historian, has agreed to deliver an illustrated talk at the AGM on Lee’s role in the history of Lewisham.

Leegate Design Brief

We are pressing ahead with plans to draw up a draft design brief for the Lee Green crossroads. This would attempt to agree an overall plan for the area and would hopefully be formally adopted by Lewisham (and Greenwich) Councils. Charles has been reviewing the brief prepared by the Sydenham Society for the area around Sydenham station which was later adopted by the council. He suggested that the main issues we should consider are the quality of surrounding buildings and pavement spaces and the redevelopment of the Leegate shopping centre. It was agreed there should be an ‘on site’ meeting of the sub-committee to view the location and to discuss and agree proposals to be submitted to the Council before the next area forum (see below). If we are unable to get that far before the meeting, Charles will advise them of our proposals and ask for their support and suggestions. We welcome any suggestions from residents on this subject

New Residents

We discussed producing a Welcome Pack and letter to deliver to new residents within the Conservation Area to make them aware of our existence and our aims.

Area meeting

The Blackheath, Lee Green & Lewisham Central Area Forum will take place on March 20 at 7.30pm in Lewisham Methodist Church in Albion Way (just off High Street). Subjects include parking, traffic, cycling and recycling. All welcome.

Many thanks to Charles for hosting the meeting