

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 9th November 2016
at: 12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 19th October 2016

Present: Ralph White(Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Sue Byford, Charles Batchelor, Judy Cole and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Frances Migniuolo, Diana Stevenson, Sylvia Ling, Patti Byford, Chris Peters, Gill Stoker, Abi Krukowski (SNT) and Veronica Simmons.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to comment on a Planning Application provided they give a ‘planning’ reason for the objection. Basic personal details (name, address) must also be provided to validate the comment. The Society’s comments are guided by the Conservation Area Guidelines and the Article IV directive. To view applications, visit:

<http://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=advanced>

Select Lee Manor from the Conservation Area dropdown menu to review relevant applications. Other fields can also be selected to refine the search.

111 Brightfield Road: Construction of a single storey extension at the rear together with a roof extension in the rear slope. Charles has already lodged our objections with the Planning Department and will also lodge a photograph the rear of the full terrace of houses to confirm the visibility from Manor House Gardens and to indicate how the proposal will destroy the existing continuity.

108 Burnt Ash Road: Construction of replacement chimney stacks on the South elevation. Consent was granted on 19th October which Charles has checked and has confirmed that the stacks will be rebuilt with the existing bricks in the original style simply with damp-proofing added.

138 Manor Lane: Construction of dormer extensions to the side and rear roof slopes, single storey building on the site of the existing garage and single-storey extension to the side. Our main concern is with the dormer extension to the side roof slope on the south of the building because this will be clearly visible from Manor Lane.

Manor House and Library

The new opening hours for the Library took effect on Monday 17th October and are as follows:

Monday	9.30am – 1.30pm
Tuesday	9.30am – 5.30pm
Thursday	11.00am – 7.00pm
Saturday	11.00am – 3.00pm

After consideration of the Expressions of Interest the number of serious contenders to take over the running of the Library and Manor House has been condensed to 4 - unless there are more offers before the closing date of 21st November. A final shortlist should be agreed soon after and it is hoped that the bidders will be able to meet with members of the Library Working Group to exchange views. An interim summary of progress should be available at the Local Assembly meeting on 29th November. The final decision will be made by the Mayor and Cabinet on 11th January 2017 and it is hoped that the Library building will be fully reopened on 31st March 2017. For updates on the progress being made please go to: www.lewisham.gov.uk/libraries

Lewisham Local ‘Community Contributor Card’

Ralph explained the ‘Community Contributor Card’ which is available to people active in the local community together with a leaflet explaining the system and giving details of participating businesses throughout the Borough. Although there are only three participating businesses in Lee at present, others are being actively sought and the number is set to increase. The scheme has been initiated “to promote current community efforts and to galvanise ‘giving’ within the Borough through contributing time, skills and money”. If you’re interested in participating, more information can be found at: www.lewishamlocal.org.uk.

Trees

Our funding application to the Local Assembly Annual Fund was successful and we were awarded a grant of £2,400.00. Replacement or new planting is not restricted to the Conservation area and the remit is ward-wide. David Ford has already had a meeting with Lewisham Council’s Tree Officer, Rick Farr, to discuss the siting of new trees in the area although no formal decision/agreement has yet been reached. A meeting with Conway (the street maintenance contractors) has still to be arranged but we are hopeful they will agree to finance the planting of some trees by way of compensation for the disruption caused by their road works. In July/August next year Lewisham Council will arrange a Borough wide survey of trees. The survey will be undertaken by an independent person and will provide an update on the condition of all the street trees within the Borough. The last survey was undertaken in 2013. The survey will undoubtedly assist our long-term planning and our priorities for new and replacement trees.

Ice House

David Plumer reported that we achieved a record visitor attendance of 2,049 to the Ice House this year – an average of 146 for each opening. Since we first opened the Ice House to the public in the year 2000 we have had 25,067 visitors. We recently had a problem with one of the keys to the security locks on the Ice House but we are hopeful that this has been resolved. Charles will arrange to collect the keys for the three new locks from Glendale (the Manor House Gardens Park Rangers) in the near future.

We thank Lee Green Community Centre for hosting the meeting.