

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 9th June 2010
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8RA

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

Notes of our Meeting on 21st April at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Andrea Breugelmanns, Daniel Griffin, Jim Mallory and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Sue Byford, Ralph White, Faye Carney, Steve Griffiths, Fr. Richard Peers, Pauline Hatfield and Anita Whitfield.

Leegate

As Ralph was unable to attend, Charles represented the Society at the 24th March meeting of Lee Green Lives when a Constitution was adopted and a Committee of members from local groups and residents was elected with Jim Mallory as Chairman. Ralph was confirmed as the Society's representative on the Committee. One of the shops is being converted to a community centre and the empty shop fronts will be brightened up. Charles produced to our meeting the final draft of the letter which sets out our views on the future of Leegate and which is to be sent to people with an interest in the Leegate project. We all confirmed our approval of the letter which will now be sent out.

Northbrook School

As mentioned in our last Newsletter there was another on-site meeting of local representative groups on 18th March which Fr. Richard Peers attended. The meeting was told that the Council is drawing up a programme to manage 'free time' in all schools in the Borough and that someone will be appointed to manage the letting of space during the evenings. At Northbrook there will be 160 sessions throughout the year although some of these may be taken by the school itself and are included in a budget which has already been drawn up. The social aspect will also be taken into account in the management of space. As far as illumination of the building is concerned the meeting was told that, whilst it is in use, all the lights on the side of the school will remain on and one in four would remain on throughout the night as light will be necessary to ensure that the security cameras function effectively. A Landscaping Specialist will be employed to manage the site and the building.

Regeneration of Leybridge and Newstead Estates

We have been contacted by Glenys Lloyd who is the Regeneration Officer of the Housing Management Group which has taken over management of the Leybridge and Newstead Estates from Lewisham Council. Leybridge is on Eltham Road and borders Leegate while Newstead is off Burnt Ash Hill near the South Circular. Glenys would like to meet us to talk about the Group's proposals and we have agreed to invite her to our next meeting on 9th June.

Plant Mart - Saturday 29th May

As usual our annual [Plant_Mart](#) will be held between 2pm and 4pm at 2-6 Micheldever Road. Plans are well under way for the big day, but we would like to remind you all that **donations of Plants, Bric-à-Brac, Cakes, Jams and Preserves** will be greatly appreciated. Please email news@leemanorsociety.org or speak to Ralph, Faye or Sylvia. This is our main fund raising event of the year and your support is highly valued!

CPZ Areas

We have received a response to our letter (see last month's notes) from Lewisham transport department. Most interestingly, the council writes that: "The consultation for the Lee area will include options for either a two-hour or an all-day Monday to Friday zone." We have been pressing for an approach to parking control that allows more flexibility for residents and we believe this could be achieved by limiting controls to a midday ban. The council says that the detailed consultation is expected to take place in June/July.

Core Strategy

The council's 15-year plan says Supplementary Planning Documents providing detailed design guidance will be prepared for the Blackheath, Forest Hill and Sydenham conservation areas because they contain district retail hubs. In our consultation response we called for a similar document to be drawn up for Lee Green/Leegate because it is so close to the conservation area. We prepared our own design brief for [Lee_Green](#) in 2007. It can be seen on our website.

Local Listing Application

Charles has received a response from English Heritage to his letter requesting the 'listing' of the New Tiger's Head building. English Heritage has carried out research and has drawn up a document on the basis of which they will submit a recommendation to the Secretary of State - so, we await further news.

We would like to thank Charles for hosting the meeting