

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 10th January 2018
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 6th December 2017

- Present:** Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, David Ford, Patti Byford, Frances Migniuolo, Sue Byford, Charles Batchelor, Vanessa Tinker, and Sheila Peck (Secretary).
- Apologies:** Sylvia Ling, Rita Craft, Veronica Simmons, Leslee Dryland, Lorraine Burton, Stuart Reed, Mary Donovan, Suki Goldman and Elisabeth Caulfield.

Recycling

David F. is in correspondence with Lewisham Council about his concerns regarding their new waste collection arrangements and will report further in the new year. In the meantime, however, to his surprise, David has been advised that, whilst the Council establish contracts for separate collections, for the first year of the new arrangements, food waste is being mixed with garden waste. This arrangement contradicts the Council's original instruction to residents that food and garden waste should not be mixed and we have sought further clarification.

Planning

115A Burnt Ash Road (alteration and conversion of the existing maisonette on 1st and 2nd floors into two flats): We would recommend a single, family-sized dwelling.

34 Southbrook Road (construction of infill extension at 1st fl. level to rear): We believe the plans conflict with Council policy and will object to the proposal.

49 Handen Road (raising of front roof level and construction of rear dormer): We will object to this proposal because it will change the front elevation of the house and would set an unwelcome precedent.

uPVC windows

Lewisham Homes are undertaking extensive refurbishment of their properties in Micheldever Road, Handen Road, Burnt Ash Road and elsewhere, and this is to be welcomed. However, the Planning Consents authorised wooden double-glazed window replacements in the front elevations and uPVC in the rear but the actual replacements in the front appear to be of an indeterminate material and we suspect it is uPVC. On behalf of the Society Ralph has raised specimen concerns about two properties within the Conservation Area. These have been referred to the Planning Enforcement Department for an opinion. We are waiting to hear further news. However, in the meantime, if you have expert knowledge about such fittings and

either live in, or are close to one of these properties, we would be very pleased to hear what you think.

Satellite dishes

Please also advise us of new unsightly positioning of satellite dishes which are disfiguring locally listed buildings and continue to degrade the Conservation Area. We have compiled an extensive list of infringements and have submitted it to Lewisham Council but we see no evidence of enforcement. It is especially galling when some of the properties are 'managed' by housing associations and local estate agents of repute and we will take this up with them direct.

Points from the Local Assembly Meeting 29th November

The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team reported that they will no longer host Ward Meetings but will make a regular presentation at future Assembly Meetings because this will reach a wider audience. Complaints from residents about begging outside Sainsbury's and the Co-op and rough sleeping in Manor Park are being investigated. Theft from cars to the NW of the Conservation area has also been a problem.

The possibility of having newspapers available in Manor House Library was discussed. Local papers (Mercury and South London Press) are available but it would be good to also have at least Sunday papers available possibly donated by generous residents once read!

Trees

David F reported that the location of tree pits (locations of removed dead or diseased trees on the pavements) in the Borough are being logged but only from 2005; there will also be a 4 yearly survey of trees in the Borough. Funding from the Local Assembly and local resident contributions will enable the planting of 14 new trees in the Ward this winter. The Society has already located 11 possible sites for new trees but, unfortunately, 3 of them have problems. David F's application to the Assembly on behalf of the Society for an additional £450.00 for new trees was successful and will fund the provision of 2 new trees next year.

Ice House

We are still working on the Rota to facilitate the opening of the Ice House next year but can confirm that the first day of opening will be 1st April 2018. The date for the Party in the Park has been confirmed as 23rd June 2018 and Open House Weekend will be on 15th and 16th September 2018 and the Ice House Rota will include both these important events.

PlantMart

We had engaged in some long-term planning and had agreed a date for the 2018 PlantMart. However, we don't think we can compete with the Cup Final and a Royal Wedding on the same afternoon and so the proposal is to move it back to Saturday 26 May 2018 if the Committee agree at the next meeting on 10 January 2018 and the generous residents who host it are happy to do so.

We thank Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting.