

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2017
At the Community Centre, Leigate

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

Notes of our Meeting on 7th June 2017

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Frances Migniuolo, Veronica Simmonds, Sylvia Ling and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Charles Batchelor.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Satellite Dishes

Lewisham Council Planning Department have confirmed that their investigation into possibly mis-sited satellite dishes is underway and that they are sending letters to the relevant property owners to explain the Article 4 Conservation Area requirements

Manor House Library

The Library re-opened as scheduled on 2nd May. Several of those present at the meeting have visited the library and they all confirmed that they are impressed with the new arrangements. Access to computers is much easier, the toilets have been repaired and refreshed and the volunteers are showing diligence and enthusiasm - although still more are wanted. Volunteer sessions last 3 hours and the session which particularly needs support is 3 pm to 6 pm; if you can offer help, please contact Simon Higgs (V22 library manager) on simon@fhlibrary.co.uk

Manor House Gardens Festival 2017 is on Saturday 24th June

The Festival will open at 12 noon and will run until 6 pm. We will be contributing to the Lee Green Assembly Showcase and we will also open the Ice House.

Plant Mart Report

We all agreed that the new site for the plants stand was a success and the extra space around the stand was helpful for plant inspection and sales. The relocation of the tombola and raffle ticket tables didn't work well and we agreed to relocate them next year. We were very pleased to be able to provide the childrens' activities again this year and their relocation also worked well. Proceeds (ca. £900) were not quite as much as last year but still very good even though we felt that overall attendance was lower than usual, possibly due to other events taking place within the area at the same time. Our thanks to all who attended for your generosity and, of course, to the residents of 2, 4 & 6 Micheldever Road who so kindly hosted the event.

Report back on AGM

We thank V22 for generously hosting our AGM in the Baring Room at Manor House Library

on 17 May. All the existing Officers of the Society were duly re-elected. We welcomed several new attendees and the Rev. Bridget Shepherd gave a very interesting and informative talk about her daily activities – ‘A Day in the Life’.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to object to a Planning Application provided they give a ‘planning’ reason for the objection. Personal details must also be provided.

6-8 Brightfield Road: Alterations and change of use of the shops to provide 2 x three-bed homes including demolition of buildings at the rear. An improvement is obviously required.

29 Lampmead Road: Dormer window extension to the rear roof slope with roof lights. Although we are not in favour of this proposal, it is similar to changes to 30 Lampmead Road: we feel the application will be approved.

Trees

David F and Charles have met and agreed proposed locations and species for new trees to be planted within the Conservation Area later in the year and, this year, they will make sure they submit their application to the Lee Green Local Assembly for funding before the closing date!

Pollarding of trees in Micheldever Road and Handen Road is currently being undertaken; some pollarding is light and some is hard dependent on the need – a result of the 1987 storm is that there is a rather unbalanced mix of mature, and much younger trees in the roads and this will help even up the shapes.

Lewisham Police SNT

A Ward Panel meeting was held recently and representatives of the Society attended. A leaflet giving the crime statistics in the area was circulated. Ward Panel meetings are held quarterly and we will continue to attend in the future. Although crimes are reported by residents to the local SNT the details are then forwarded to a different section of the Police for action, and we explained that follow up on progress by the community is then very difficult.

Enforcement of 20mph speed limit

Roaming Traffic Police are patrolling the area on a regular basis as part of the Community Roadwatch Scheme which is being operated by the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police in conjunction with Transport for London. The ‘roaming’ officers carry radar traps which enable them to check the speed of any particular vehicle. If a driver is found to be exceeding the 20mph limit (24mph is the practical cut-off) they will be sent a warning letter and if it happens again they will be charged a fine of £100 and get 3 points on their licence as well as be entered on to the ANPR system for surveillance.. One of our members recently received a warning letter for driving at 26mph in the area. We have been invited to set up a Community Roadwatch Panel which we are considering. We feel the imposition of the limit on non-TFL trunk bus routes (e.g. Burnt Ash Road) is unnecessary and a diversion of resources from enforcement in the side roads and against speeding mopeds and motorbikes.

AOB

David P asked about progress on repainting our local Letter Boxes. David F advised that some boxes have already been painted but there are still a lot to be done and he confirmed he will continue to press for progress.

We thank the Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting.