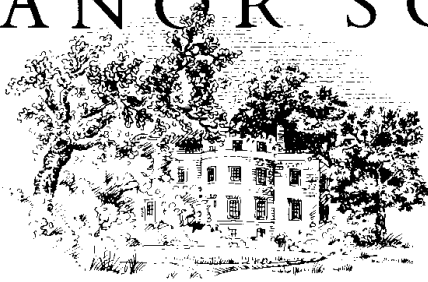


# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**at the Lee Green Lives Community Centre, Unit 3, Leegate (opposite Iceland)**

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

## Notes of our Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Present:** Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, David Ford, Veronica Simmonds, Mary Donovan, Charles Batchelor, Alex Parker, Sue Byford, Patti Byford and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Sylvia Ling, Vanessa Tinker and Jim Mallory.

### Police Ward Panel Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April

A reminder that a Ward Panel Meeting will be held at Lewisham Police Station on 10<sup>th</sup> April from 19.00 to 20.00 hrs. and everyone is invited to take part. If you are interested in attending, please let us know ([news@leemanorsociety.org](mailto:news@leemanorsociety.org)) so that we can advise the organisers of names and numbers. If you have anything to report but can't attend, please let us know so that we can pass on the information.

In case you don't know, the aim of Ward Panels is 'to advise the Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams about local community crime and disorder concerns, which should enable the Teams to decide promises and priorities which are intended to match community concerns'.

### Planning

20 Hedgley Street (construction of single storey rear extension):- As this is a rear extension which will not be visible to the general public we decided not to comment on the proposal.

109 Brightfield Road (Replacement of all timber sash windows with uPVC sash windows): - We intend to object to this application as uPVC windows are not permitted in Conservation Areas.

We also intend to ask the Council Planning Department to provide a written statement on their position regarding uPVC windows in Conservation Areas because our specimen complaints about replacement windows made of a hybrid plastic/MDF material have been rejected by Enforcement who say they are, in fact, 'wood' and that no further action is to be taken. This is bizarre, and we are not convinced.

22 Brightfield Road (part one, part two storey extension to the rear) (see last month's notes): - We are pleased to advise that, following our objection, the application has been amended to a single storey extension only.

## **Ice House Rota**

The suggested amendments from our last meeting have been agreed – but we are still short of one volunteer for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Ice House will next be open on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Proposed change of year-end and AGM date for LMS**

As both our Treasurer and our Honorary Auditor have confirmed there is no financial objection to doing so, we all agreed to move the date for the Accounts year-end to 31<sup>st</sup> July. We also agreed that this year's AGM will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September and that our Annual Newsletter will be distributed before the end of July. This change to the Constitution will be formally confirmed at an Extraordinary General Meeting which will be held at the same time as a future monthly meeting.

## **Trees**

We have received confirmation that the Borough wide tree survey result is now available and are awaiting a copy of the Lee Green Ward results as well as a copy of the whole Borough survey.

We have also received confirmation that the two 'missing' trees have now been planted in Aislibie Road, two extra sites in Taunton Road are being scanned for underground hazards, an alternative site in Woodyates Road is being scanned and two trees with broken branches in Micheldever Road will be dealt with by Council contractors.

We are still trying to resolve the problems with Conway's practice of laying impermeable tarmac around tree trunks without leaving access for water.

## **Meeting of representatives of Conservation Areas**

We recently advised that the previous arrangement of fortnightly meetings of Conservation Area Reps. with Lewisham Conservation Officers had been cancelled and replaced with a 6 monthly meeting where Council Planners simply report on what they have done or intend to do at a strategic level. In response we are hosting a meeting of 8/9 Conservation Area Reps. from around the Borough to agree an approach to reinstate the previous system or at least give Conservation Area Reps. the opportunity to discuss planning proposals in their Areas before final decisions are made. We are particularly concerned that Conservation Area Reps no longer have any input and that important/vital decisions are being made without any consultation (e.g. see note on above on the installation of uPVC windows).

## **Plant Mart – this year on Saturday 26 May**

More details to follow – but your gifts of surplus plants and seedlings will be most appreciated so please think of us as you start the grand Spring tidy-up!



*We thank Lee Green Lives Community Centre for hosting the meeting.*