

# LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015**  
**at: 105 Burnt Ash Road SE12**

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

## Notes of our Meeting on 8th July 2015

**Present:** Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Veronica Simmons, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Sue Byford, Diana Stevenson, Sarah McMichael, Maggie Marchant, Eric Moody, Bruce Allison, and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Charles Batchelor, Anita Whitfield, Rita Craft, Frances Migniuolo, and David Ford.

### Leegate

As stated in last month's Notes, the Planning Application submitted by St. Modwen will not be discussed at the Council's July Planning Committee. Transport for London (TfL) have, for some time, been considering remodelling the traffic system at the Leegate Crossroads based on current road usage. Due to the increased road usage which will be generated by the proposed redevelopment, they now need to reconsider their proposed plans. In the circumstances it now seems unlikely that the St. Modwen's Planning Application will even be presented to the September Planning Committee for consideration.

**Note added:** The Leegate Working Party recently met with two of Lewisham Council's Planners where it was suggested that the Planning Application may not be formerly considered until their October meeting as TfL are still re-considering their traffic easement options for the crossroads.

### Neighbourhood Forum

Ralph explained that the proposed Neighbourhood Forum will not have any adverse effect on the Conservation Area Article 4 directive or its purpose and that the Society will continue as the recognised amenity group for such issues. Sarah McMichael explained that a Neighbourhood Forum is a community body which is open to anyone who lives, works or has an interest in a designated area. If a Forum is set up it will strengthen the voice of the local community, but only in local planning matters. A Neighbourhood Forum will draw up a 'Neighbourhood Plan' which would become a legally binding planning policy for the designated neighbourhood. The proposed Neighbourhood Forum would work alongside the local Assemblies, local amenity groups and the Local Plan for the designated area. A Better Lee

Green have drafted a formal Application which they will submit to Lewisham Council in due course.

The draft application and supporting documents including a plan of the proposed designated area can be viewed at <http://abetterleegreen.com/neighbourhood-forum/>.

### **Street Trees**

We are still waiting to hear from our Lewisham Council contact to agree the amount of the Society's contribution to the cost of the trees recently planted within the Conservation Area. Other than the two 'deaths' mentioned in last month's Notes all the new trees are still doing well. However, we have heard that Manor Lane Terrace has lost one of its trees which was apparently demolished when a scaffolder's lorry backed into it. The good news is that the Council have confirmed the tree will be replaced in September and the scaffolder has agreed to bear the cost.

### **Proposed merger of St. Winifred's Catholic Infant and Junior Schools**

St Winifred's School is currently managed as two schools, each with its own Head, on separate sites – Effingham Road (Infants) and Newstead Road (Juniors). Formal notification of the proposed closure of the schools and simultaneous reopening as a single school with one Head, was advertised in a recent News Shopper. Maggie Marchant, representing the Effingham Road site management team, attended our meeting and explained that the Infant and Junior sections of the new school will remain separate until building works are completed on the Newstead Road site. There is sufficient space on the Newstead Road site to accommodate additional buildings and the plan is that when these are built, the Effingham Road building will be vacated. It is hoped the complete merger will take place in September 2016. The Newstead Road school was opened in 1969 to cope with the increased need for school places and it was always the intention that the two schools would merge. The future use of the site and buildings in Effingham Road (which is owned by the Catholic Diocese) has not yet been decided although valuers have already visited. The Society will encourage a sympathetic use of this large site. The Chapel on the site is a listed building which means its future is protected. The consultation can be viewed at [http://www.stwinifredsinfant.lewisham.sch.uk/Consulation\\_Papers.php](http://www.stwinifredsinfant.lewisham.sch.uk/Consulation_Papers.php)

### **Love Clean Streets – Reporting fly tipping**

The improved facility at the junction of Taunton Road and Wantage Road is working better than expected but there is still fly tipping in the area. The Council's advice is, if you discover dumped waste, do report it to them. It is helpful if you can identify the type of waste but do not touch it as it may be dangerous. Various ways to report can be found here:

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/environment/street-cleaning/Pages/flytipping.aspx>

Another approach can be found on the Love Clean Streets website:

<http://www.lovelewisham.org/reports/home> where there are also apps to download which means you can photograph and report from your mobile phone.

If you have any household items which you are unable to take to the recycling depot the Council will, for a small fee, collect them from your property.

*We thank Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting.*