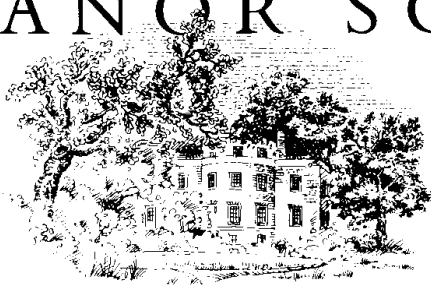


# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting**  
**7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**at: Leigate Community Centre**

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

## Notes of our Meeting on 8th June 2016

**Present:** Ralph White(Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Sue Byford, Charles Batchelor, Chris Peters, Frances Migniuolo, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmons and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Lorraine Burton, Rita Craft, Pauline Hatfield, Jim Mallory, Gill Stoker, and Sylvia Ling.

## Matters arising from last Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May

Kellerton Road Post Box: David Ford reported the good news that the Kellerton Road Post Box is to be refurbished. The 'pouch' box will be removed and a replacement collection plate and lock will be fitted. The work is currently being progressed.

## Community Showcase

Instead of its usual quarterly meeting, the Lee Green Assembly is using its funding to provide a marquee at the Manor House Gardens Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> June. All local groups have been invited. So, in addition to opening the Ice House on the day, Lee Manor Society will also promote its purpose and activities at a table in the marquee. The Ice House will be open again for the usual hours on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## 14<sup>th</sup> May Plant Mart

We were lucky to have very pleasant weather on the day and thank everyone for all their donations. Another successful year when we raised in excess of £1,000 towards our funding. However, we noted that the supply of plants was less than usual and we would very much like your generous help to receive more next year, especially outdoor plants.

We agreed that the stall layout was not optimal. We discussed a possible change of location for some of the main stalls and the re-arrangement of some of the smaller 'raffle' stalls, access to which was too constricted to attract patronage. There was unfortunately a rather ragged 'start' to the event which meant some stallholders were caught unprepared. It was agreed there should initially be barriers to all the front gardens which would only be removed when the main ribbon is cut at the official opening.

## Annual General Meeting

At the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> May, the [Annual Review](#) and accounts were presented and accepted. Officers elected for the next year were Ralph White (Chairman), Sheila Peck (Secretary) and Lorraine Burton (Treasurer.). After the formalities had been completed the guest speaker, Peter Eversden, MBE and Chair of the [London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies](#), gave a very interesting talk about recent changes to the planning system and how to cope with them. Of particular concern is the relaxation of control of Metropolitan Open Space (inner city equivalent to Green Belt) which means that unanticipated locations such as the Quaggy water meadows are under threat. Overall it was a most enjoyable evening although we would have liked to see more attendees and we agreed we need to keep an eye on the timing of the formalities to ensure that we can make the most of the social side of the evening!

We are considering a possible change to the date of the AGM - maybe moving it to the autumn - and agreed that this would be discussed at a Sub-Committee meeting as any change would involve aligning other key dates including the publication of the Annual Review.

## CPZ

There are still problems in Zone P where there are conflicting timing signs on display but the new time limits are now effective throughout Zone LG in the Ward. The Society supports the new lower signage and is pleased to confirm that most of the badly placed signs have now been moved to their preferred situation against the boundary line. **Note added:** we have also been told that thicker surrounds will be added to the lower signage to reduce the impact hazard.

## Leegate

We are concerned that no-one (individuals or local groups) has received a report of the result of the Council meeting which approved the amended proposals – subject to some conditions. Charles agreed to write to the Council requesting a formal report on the results of the Planning Committee meeting and to the local press raising our concerns. The proposal will next go to the GLA and we discussed raising our concerns with the new London Mayor to see if there are to be policy changes which may influence the scheme. David Ford has been investigating the possibility of saving the 3 mature trees on the site which have Preservations Orders; no conclusion yet reached.

## Manor House and the Library

The ‘Community Interest Event’ which was due to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> June was postponed to allow more time to consider bids. A new meeting has now been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> June. **Note added:** At that meeting, it was noted that there is still no accepted bid and that identification of an anchor revenue stream such as a day nursery is still a sticking point.

## Trees

The dead street trees have not yet been replaced by the Council and we are enquiring when this will be dealt with. It now seems likely we will not be charged for the unsuccessful plantings. With reference to the removed tree in Brightfield Road we have been told that it is usual for the space to be tarmacked over pending planting of a new tree.

David Ford reported that Conways have agreed to fund some street trees by way of compensation for the delay in clearing the rubbish following the completion of the bus stop works in Burnt Ash road.

*We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.*