



Lee Manor Society

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Next Meeting
8pm on 13th January 2010
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road, London SE12 8RA
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.30pm - nibbles afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 9th December at 12 Micheldever Road, London SE12 8LX

- Present:** Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Jeremy Carden, Elizabeth Caulfield, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sylvia Ling, Anita Whitfield, May Clarke, Bridget Prentice, Judy Cole and Sheila Peck (Secretary)
- Apologies:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Fay Carney, Steve Griffiths, Suki Picarda, Sue Byford, Paul Connolly and Ann Fisher

Northbrook School

The Meeting on 24th November was well attended and, from the start, confirmed the considerable concern of local residents over the proposed design of the stained glass window above the main entrance to the school. The meeting was chaired by Councillor Brian Robson who, in his opening presentation made it clear that the meeting had been called to discuss the required change of colour in the render and the design of the classroom windows and that the design of the main window had already been approved by the Council. Nevertheless, the main focus of the meeting was still on objections to the proposal to include a large red crucifix in the main window which would be illuminated after nightfall. Such was the strength of feeling shown that Fr. Richard Peers spoke to confirm he would re-consider the design and Heidi Alexander said that she would arrange a meeting for that purpose. The meeting took place on site on Monday 14th December and we will review the outcome at our January meeting.

Leegate and Christmas Lights

As you will have seen, we did have lights - and a Christmas Tree - this year at the Lee Green Crossroads, although they are somewhat disappointing in their bland design. Whilst we are sure everyone is pleased to see the return of the lights, let's hope that we will be able to persuade the Council to make a better effort next year; they obviously can as is evidenced by those in Lewisham and Catford and even in a small stretch of Baring Road!

The delayed planned meeting with St. Modwen took place and was chaired by Cllr. Heidi Alexander. St. Modwen was pleased to report that they are talking with several food retailers about the possibility of a large development on the Woolworths/Iceland section of the site. Such a proposal could cause problems with regard to size, dominance and volume of traffic and, worst of all, the loss of the walkway to the square from Burnt Ash Road, but should increase customer volume for smaller shops.

Leahurst Road School Bulding

Unfortunately English Heritage have rejected the application for the Listing of the current Northbrook School in Leahurst Road. The building only just failed to meet the necessary criteria and the main reason seems to be that the extensions are of a lower quality than the original building. The good news, hopefully, is that although Lewisham intend to redevelop as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme, this would involve refurbishment rather than replacement. We are endeavouring to obtain more information about the proposals.

Planning

22 Brightfield Road: An application has been submitted for, amongst other things, replacement of timber sash windows, Victorian tiled path and composite front door which seems to be a very good proposal which we would fully support.

4a Brightfield Road: This application is for the retention of the replacement windows at first floor level. These windows appear not to be wood which does not comply with the Conservation Area requirements.

20c Southbrook Road: Installation of replacement double-glazed windows to front and back; we will have no objection.

CPZ Areas

Extension of Old Road and Bankwell Road Area: We have been advised that this will come into effect on 18th January 2010 so do make sure you get the necessary Permits in good time. If you have mislaid the booklet/permit application form, you should contact Eza Ashley on 020 8314 2080

Extension of CPZ Area: In response to a request from the Local Assembly, the Mayor has agreed to consult the rest of Lee Green Ward - after the new Old Road and Bankwell Road Extension has come into effect. So, if you have a problem with parking in your Road, you will be able to have your say. But, no further extensions would go ahead without the support of the majority of residents **who respond to the Enquiry** which means you must ensure that you and your neighbours do respond when the Notice is received.

Many thanks to Ralph and Julia for hosting the meeting