

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on Wednesday 13th February 2013

at: 12 Micheldever Road SE12 8LX

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

Notes of our Meeting on 9th January 2013 at 105 Burnt Ash Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Elisabeth Caulfield, Faye Carney, Steve Griffith, Jenny Lowen, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmons, Tony Branton, Andrea Hughes, Frances Migniuolo, Rita Craft and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Pauline Hadfield, Suki Picarda, Anita Whitfield, Bruce Allison, Dan Griffin, PC Ben Smith (Lee Green SNT), and Sue Byford,

Leigate Redevelopment Consulation

There have been 3 meetings since our last Notes but little progress has been made. The first meeting was with St. Modwen when, as a concession to the concern over the loss of the walkway from Burnt Ash Road, they suggested there could be an internal walkway from the ASDA Store but it would be closed when the store itself was closed. The Assembly Group itself had a subsequent meeting when they agreed that St. Modwen's proposals for a walkway did not meet their aims and it was decided to arrange a meeting direct with ASDA. No date for that meeting has yet been agreed but it is hoped it will be in early February. In December the Assembly Group met with John Miller and Gemma Barnes from Lewisham Council's Planning Department to confirm their agreement/support of the Group's view that the current proposals for a mega store do not fit in with the terms of the Council's Core Planning Document. The Council assured us that they had emphasised their Plan to St Modwen and also expressed concern over the goods delivery activity which would be created on the Leyland Road side. Traffic concerns for Burnt Ash Road will be a matter for TfL and the Council to consider together. We agreed that we definitely want to see improvement in Leigate and are not against ASDA *per se* but do not want the store to dominate the site.

Street Trees Update

Charles and Elisabeth had a successful meeting with the Council on 20th November last when it was agreed that 8 new trees would be planted and that the Society would make a reasonable contribution to the cost of the trees and their planting. We have agreed to take 2 x Rowans and 1 x Snowy Mespilus in Manor Lane. Both trees are in the Council's 'small trees' category and are suitable for the narrower pavements in Manor Lane. In Burnt Ash Road we will get 1 x Walnut and 4 x English Oak trees. There are currently no Oak trees in the road

and very few in Lee generally. Both trees are larger species but there is adequate space on the road. The Oak is, of course, a native tree and harbors the largest variety of bugs and birds. The Burnt Ash Road planting will fill in gaps in the existing avenue of trees which runs along the Conservation Area's Eastern border and the Manor Lane trees will contribute to the creation of an avenue of trees along the Conservation Area's Western edge. We expect planting to take place within the next couple of months.

Parking Policy Review/Update

Still no more news as we are waiting to hear from the Council following their full consideration of the results of the recent consultation.

Planning issues

64 Manor Lane - The application for a loft extension, to which we objected, was refused but the property owners have now lodged an appeal.

Brindishe School Trees - The school has undertaken a detailed report on all the trees on their site as a result of which they are intending to carry out necessary pollarding and the removal of some trees including 2 (a Lime and a Horse Chestnut) bordering Handen Road near the junction with Wantage Road. The Society agrees that the reasons for the maintenance of most of the trees are acceptable but has queried why the Lime tree cannot be reprofiled rather than felled.

Lee Station Notice Board

As the result of a comment at the recent Assembly meeting, Charles will now prepare a single A4 size resume of our monthly Notes to display in the Lee Station Notice Board.

New Tiger's Head Arts venue proposal

We are in contact with the group behind this proposal to develop the ground floor and basement, but the main task at present is fund-raising.

Graphic Designer

Following our request in last month's Notes we are pleased to report that a local resident has offered her help in the design of the new Conservation Area leaflet.

Manor House Library

We are pleased to report that the Library Service was successful in its application for registration as a Wedding Venue which means that local residents will be able to hold their wedding ceremony in The Baring Room on the first floor.

We have agreed to ask the Library to display our monthly Newsletter.

Local Assembly

Next meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 February at Trinity School.

Plans for 2013

Wednesday the 15th May and Saturday 18th May have been provisionally reserved as dates for the AGM and the Annual Plant Mart respectively. The dates will be confirmed shortly.

We would like to thank Charles for hosting the meeting