

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 13 April 2016
at: 12 Micheldever Road, London SE12 8LX

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

Notes of our Meeting on 9 March 2016

Present: Ralph White(Chairman), David Plumer, Gill Stoker, Elisabeth Caulfield, Patti Byford, Sue Byford, Suki Goldman (dePicarda), Diana Stevenson, and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: David Ford, Charles Batchelor, Veronica Simmons, Frances Migniuolo, Sylvia Ling, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer) and Rita Craft.

Matters arising from the last Meeting held on 10 February 2016

Library: The formal selection exercise to identify partner organisation(s) who will take on the management of the Manor House and Library has started; view the documentation here: <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/libraries/Pages/Community-Libraries-2015.aspx>. A Community Event at which potential partners can meet the local community is penciled in for Saturday 4 June 2016.

Lee Neighbourhood Forum: The Forum will be holding its first AGM in the new Halcyon Book Store in Lee High Road (opposite Boone's Chapel) from 7.30pm on the evening of 9 May and will seek to elect officers to take the initiative forward. *(NB Note revised date)*.

Proposed new school adjacent to Miller's Meadow: At the time of the meeting we had been unable to make contact with the action group.

Garden Waste Collection

Some of us have received a leaflet from Lewisham Council giving details of their new Garden Waste Collection service. If you pay £45 now, you will receive a new brown 'Garden Waste' wheeliebin which will be emptied on a weekly basis from June 2016. From April 2017 the charge for the service will be £60p.a.

The existing Garden Waste collection service via green bags purchased from the library at a price of £10 for 10 bags, will end in June of this year.

If you need a weekly garden refuse collection at a cost of £60p.a. (and another refuse bin outside your house!) subscribe now either on-line at www.lewisham.gov.uk/subscribe or call 020 8314 9756.

Planning

We have received notification from the Interim Head of Lewisham Planning Department that, due to staff vacancies, the bi-weekly Amenity Panel Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. The resources which are available must be focused on the statutory parts of their service. The Council's representative acknowledged that the input from the Panel meetings is very useful but, for the time being at least, we can only submit written comments which we have been reassured are still required and will be given consideration. This is not the first time that the Council have attempted to close down the Amenity Panel. All the local Lewisham Conservation Area groups are very concerned that they will no longer have the opportunity to meet and jointly comment on proposals within the Conservation Areas and are very keen that the Amenity Panel Meetings are re-instated. In the meantime, alternative meeting arrangements are being considered and we will report back when there is progress.

CPZ

The installation of the new 'time control' signs is proceeding but is already behind schedule. Newly installed signs are temporarily covered with black plastic which will be removed when all the installations are complete and the changes can take effect. An unwelcome feature of the necessary engineering is in streets where there are many pavement crossovers: the parking bays are separated by yellow lines and each bay has to be sign posted – there is a profusion of street clutter appearing. Some bays are barely big enough to contain even a modest size saloon and there is hangover over the yellow lines: we will seek to clarify the enforcement policy in these circumstances.

Ice House

This year's season will commence on Sunday 3 April. As usual we will open the Ice House from 3pm to 5pm on the first and third Sunday of each month from April until the Open House weekend in September. The Rota is still being worked on and so, as suggested in last month's Notes, if you would like to help and spend a couple of very pleasant hours in the park, please do get in touch. We will also be opening the Ice House for the Manor House Gardens Festival celebration on 18 June. This will replace our regular third Sunday on 19 June

Annual Events

Notice of Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 18 May: This will be held in the Baring Room at The Manor House and will begin at 7.30pm. We have still to arrange a speaker for after the formal meeting and we would appreciate your suggestions.

Plant Mart - Saturday 14th May: Our Annual Fundraising Event! Again, this will be held from 2pm to 4pm in the front gardens of 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road and we thank the garden owners for their generosity. We would ask you all to start preparing your offerings be they plants, jams and preserves or hoard any other donations and also to please make sure you are free to come along on the day and support us – Thank you!.



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