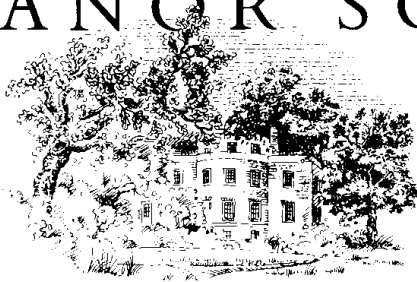


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Meeting

**7.30pm on Wednesday 8th December
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road**

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

Notes of our Meeting on 9th November at The Old Tiger's Head

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), Steve Griffiths (Treasurer), Andrea Breugelmans, Patty Byford, Judy Cole, Paul Connolly, Anne Fisher, Dan Griffin, Frances Mignuolo, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer

Apologies: Sheila Peck (Secretary), Faye Carney, Suki Picarda, Mark Lyons, Jackie Percy

The Old Tiger's Head

We noted that this was probably the first Society meeting to be held in a pub, but that it was in fact a traditional place for public meetings. For example, it was known that in 1784 local justices of the peace frequently met here to hear cases, in the earlier building. We all enjoyed the evening.

Planning Matters

66 Taunton Road: An application had been made to erect flats in a former builder's yard to the rear of this property, alongside the park. The Society chairman had written with the LMS' formal objection to this proposal, in view of the possible precedent it might set for backland development in the conservation area, and the overall impact. We noted that the Council website showed that 11 objections had been received, and so there could be a public meeting to hear local views before the application was decided. The Council's Amenity Societies panel also objected.

62 Effingham Road. An application had been made to remove the pebble dashing on the front elevation. We welcomed this restoration.

27 Handen Road. An application had been made for new wooden sash windows.

80 Effingham Road. An application to fell a lime on the front garden was considered by the Panel, and not supported.

123 Taunton Road. The Panel objected to a front roof window.

87 Taunton Rd. The Panel objected to the front roof light and rear dormer design of this proposed loft conversion.

Leegate Centre: St Modwen's has proposed an outdoor market for up to three days a week.

We noted the very stark appearance of the curtilage at the prominent corner of Handen and Wantage roads, following recent work there. Little vegetation had survived, but shrubs etc were not protected by planning legislation - only trees.

Concern was expressed at the meeting about anti-social behaviour near various shops close to the SE of Lee Green crossroads. We will contact the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

We noted that the Lewisham Development Framework was likely to go to public inquiry next year. The Council envisage further new development on the far side of the railway at Hither Green, but on this side only the former "Plumb Centre" was identified for new development (housing). We noted the impact of new housing on crowded local schools.

Lee Manor Community Garden

A lease was being prepared. A great deal of rubbish has been cleared from the site (behind 94 Burnt Ash Hill). The steering group are now looking at sources of funding to create a new garden on this site.

AOB

We noted the net cost of our annual social as a modest £76, with about 30 attending.

We will be contacting the Lewisham Volunteer centre to see if it can help us recruit more younger members.

We will revive the plan for a letter to be given to all new residents.

We will resubmit to the Locality Fund the idea for restoring and enhancing the avenues of trees on Burnt Ash Road and Eltham Road, and a possible new bench on the corner of Taunton and Wantage roads.

We noted that the Manor Park building refurbishment was now well underway and looks very impressive.

We were backing the [Manor House Gardens Users' Group](#) in its discussions with the new Trinity School about its use of the park facilities. It appeared that children will be confined to school premises during school hours, except for supervised games and nature study etc activities in the park.

Are you interested in

- working in the planned Community Garden?

- helping with our Social and Publicity activities?

Then do contact us!

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We would like to thank the Old Tiger's Head for hosting the meeting