

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 14th October 2015
at: The Community Centre, Unit 3, Leegate (opposite Iceland)

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

Notes of our Meeting on 9th September 2015

Present: Ralph White (Chairman), David Plumer, David Ford, Charles Batchelor, Veronica Simmons, Sue Byford, Suki Picarda, Patti Byford, Akshat Shrivastava, Pragati Lodha and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Jenny Lowen, Sylvia Ling, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), Diane Stevenson, Frances Migniuolo, Jim Mallory and Dan Griffin.

Ice House

The rota for the Open House Weekend was finalised and it was agreed that we would put up the Banners the previous weekend to advertise the event. *Note added: over 600 visitors were welcomed over the two days – a new record!*

Leegate

We were somewhat confused by the recent notification circulated by Lewisham Council which suggests new documentation has been lodged by St. Modwen in connection with its application to redevelop the Leegate Centre. So far, we have been unable to identify what, if any additional documentation has been filed. Jim Mallory is hoping to arrange a meeting of the Working Party on 22nd September and it has been suggested that a representative of Lewisham Planners be asked to attend to clarify the position. Comments on the Planning Application have to be filed in writing by 30th September and it is expected that it will be considered at either the October or, more likely, the November Planning Committee Meeting.

Street Trees

We have still not heard from our Lewisham Council contact to confirm the amount of the Society's contribution to the cost of the trees recently planted within the Conservation Area. Several trees did not survive planting. We are also concerned that the 3 trees which the Council promised would be planted in Effingham Road have not appeared despite the fact that some of the residents of Effingham Road raised money (which is held by the Society) to help finance the planting. Charles and David intend to re-survey the entire area with a view to submitting

an application for more funding from the Local Assembly. The initial suggestion is for one new tree in Woodyates Road and one new tree in Handen Road.

Recycling Consultation

Next year Lewisham Council will be making major changes in the way it collects waste and recycling items from properties within the Borough. By 2020 the Council must show that 50% of its rubbish is recycled – the current figure is 17%! The statistics are unfair to the Council because they take no account of electricity generation and, soon, district heating afforded by the SELCHP incinerator. Various alternative methods of collection are being suggested – in particular for paper - and the Council is asking us all to let them know which we would prefer. You can read the information and fill in the questionnaire at

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/customer_services/e/lets_talk_rubbish

CPZ

At last the Council have confirmed that the new proposed CPZ controls limiting restricted parking to between 10am and 12 noon on Monday to Friday will take effect – but only on an experimental basis. Consultation is now closed but you can still see the results online:

<https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/cpzleegreenwest>

Notices giving details of the proposals have been delivered door-to-door, placed on lamp columns in the affected streets or can be viewed during normal office hours at the reception of Lewisham Transport Policy & Development in Laurence House. The Council anticipate the new regulations will become operational on 5th October 2015. Any objection to the experimental scheme should be filed within 6 months of the implementation as stated on the relevant street notice.

Parish Boundary Stones

In December last year we installed a replacement for the Boundary Marker stone in Handen Road the remains of which Lewisham Council had removed because of risks to health and safety. We recently received a letter from a resident of Southbrook Road pointing out that there are in fact 7 Boundary Markers in the area – 2 in Southbrook, 2 in Handen, 2 in Effingham and 1 in Micheldever – and asking why they had not also been replaced/restored. Photographs of each of the Markers or their remains were included with the letter. The reason only one Marker has been restored is purely financial. If funding is available in the future, further replacements will be considered.

Formal Membership and Subscriptions

The present position on membership of the Society is that everyone living within the Conservation Area is automatically a member. It has been suggested that a formal Membership Scheme open to all and that an annual subscription should be considered as it would raise additional funds for local works. The problem is that such a Scheme would also require considerable administration. It was agreed that further consideration and discussion would follow. Your comment would be appreciated

We thank Charles for facilitating the meeting.