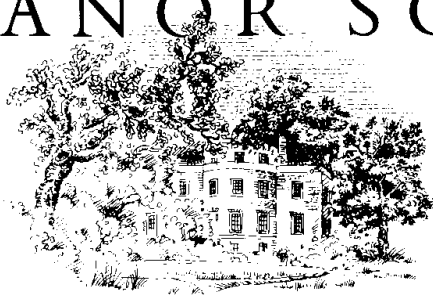


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



Minutes of Lee Manor Society meeting, 8 th May 2024

PRESENT: Charles Batchelor, Barbara Bird (notes), Patti Byford, Helen Carr, David Dannreuther, Mary Donovan, Mike Haste, John Higgins, Frances Migniuolo, David Plumer, Karen Pratt (chair)

1. **Apologies** Simon Bucks, Rita Craft, David Ford

2. **Minutes** of meeting on 10 th April Approved.

3. **Finance** – Treasurer’s report A spreadsheet showing up-to-date transactions submitted by Simon was presented for reference. Future payments to be made include the cost of the Lee station noticeboard (c. £400) and a banner (£75).

4. **Communications**

4.1 The new website is under construction. Simon manages the Facebook page ‘Lee London’ and the Emailing system. Administration rights will be extended to Frances, Karen and Mike.

4.2 Noticeboards. Charles, Frances and Mike have set up the noticeboard on Platform 1 at Lee Station. It will be used for Lee Manor Society and other local news. The board inside the ticket office will remain there. The board at Hither Green Station is run by FUSS and Karen has been in touch to arrange access to that.

5. **Plant Mart** (18 th May) Karen updated the meeting on planning for the Plant Mart, including the risk assessment and insurance, posters and flyers, and arrangements for collecting and storing donations for the stalls. We discussed the pricing of the raffle tickets and tombola and sales items, and the volunteers to set up and run the stalls and information tables etc.

6. **Ice House** – volunteer rota Some gaps remain to be filled. Charles will provide a notice emphasising that access is free, but that it’s possible to make donations to the Society. To use the card-reader one volunteer will need to have a smart-phone with access to Bluetooth.

7. **Planning applications** Mike presented a report, commenting on particular on the importance of the change of use of 1 Aislibie Road making it unavailable to local groups. This is in the context of the loss of the Leegate Community Centre from 1 st October. St Peter’s Church, Weigall Road, has been mentioned as another possible venue.

8. Manor House front garden improvements Mike will investigate possible solutions to the buggy shelter problem. An upgrade would cost around £400. Regarding the plaque, a notice will be unveiled on 25 th May. Mike will see about other possible tidying.

9. LMS walks – trees and history There will be a street-tree walk in the autumn.

David Plumer will lead a local history walk on Sunday 9 th June, 3-4.30pm, entitled ‘The History of Lee from the Green to the Manor House’.

Regarding street trees there is a question about replacing the cherry trees on Southbrook Road.

10. AOB

Charles reported on a meeting about the Council’s sustainable streets initiative, and has provided the following account.

Mike and Charles took part in an online information meeting with council officials about the council’s sustainable streets initiative in Lee, Hither Green and parts of Catford. This is part of a Lewisham-wide

scheme to make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists, reduce pollution and reduce the need for car journeys. It will involve more parking controls, the installation of cycle storage units – ‘hangers’ - pavement

widening and more street trees. An earlier scheme in Catford, Crofton Park, Deptford and Evelyn led to the

installation of 33 electric vehicle charging bays, 28 cycle hangers, five car club bays and 18 street trees.

Across Lewisham there are 500 people on the waiting list for the cycle storage hangers. Officials had to be

pushed to acknowledge that there was no existing funding for the scheme and it would be financed by parking charges and fines. The controversial Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme has been renamed Healthy Neighbourhoods. But there appear to be no funds for the street planting and road surface improvements promised to replace the temporary road blocks formed by wooden planters, many of which

appear neglected. The council is inviting responses from residents to the proposals

at <https://lewishamsustainablestreets.commonplace.is/en-GB/thanks?token=> We have called for controls on parking

next to trees in the Burnt Ash Road tree avenue.

Our next meeting will be in the Leegate community centre on at 7.30pm on 12 June.