

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Notes of our meeting on 10th January 2024

PRESENT: Charles Batchelor (chair), Barbara Bird (notes), Simon Bucks (treasurer), Patti Byford, Rita Craft, Mary Donovan, Michael Haste, David Plumer, Karen Pratt

APOLOGIES: Helen Carr, David Dannreuther, David Ford, Frances Mignuolo, James Rathbone

1. Minutes from previous meeting

Correction. The first item under A.o.b. should read: Polling cards will be issued in January for participating in the Lee Forum referendum on 15th February about the proposal to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Matters arising, not on the agenda

No items raised.

3. Progress regarding the Society website and email list

Simon recommended various practical changes to improve our IT communications etc. The meeting agreed to accept an offer Simon has received to have the website professionally rebuilt at a cost of £800. This will take about six weeks and Simon will send out notices etc. meanwhile.

4. Plant Mart

Karen reported on progress with preparations, including getting permission to use the residents' gardens. We can advertise the date soon, and a sub-committee meeting will be held on 22nd January.

5. Society bank account

Simon is following this up. Signatories need to be added for the present Co-op account.

6. Planning group to consider planning applications

Michael Haste has joined this group, and presented a written report on current applications which was passed to Charles.

7. Manor House front drive clean-up

Rita presented some developments. It appears that money has been found from various sources to restore the cannons, making them safe etc. Regarding the buggy shelter, V22 has no budget for it. Simon proposed that the Society should fund this, and Michael will look at the possibility of carrying out the work ourselves.

8. Council funds for trees held by the Society

Charles will follow up on clearing the Society's use of these funds with the council.

9. Station notice-boards

Enquiries can be made to see if a notice-board – probably for the locality rather than just the Society – might be put up on the platform at Lee, rather than in the ticket office. And Karen will enquire about putting our notices in the notice-board on the approach to Hither Green station.

10. Newsletter distribution and AGM preparations

Copies of the Newsletter were collected from Charles for distribution.

Regarding the AGM on 7th February, we are asked to arrive at 7 to arrange things for 7.30. Charles and Karen will supply the light refreshments provided after the meeting.

11. A.o.b

David Plumer announced the title he has chosen for his proposed local history walk: The History of Lee – From the Green to the Manor House.

12. Date of next meeting

Our next regular meeting, after the AGM, will be on Wednesday March 13