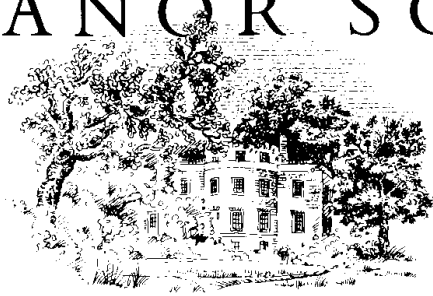


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Lee Manor Society held at 7.20 pm on Wednesday 18th May 2011 in the Baring Room at the Manor House Library, Old Road, Lee. Present at the Society's AGM were Charles Batchelor, Steve Griffiths and about a dozen local residents. Our Chairman Charles welcomed those present. We noted apologies from Ralph White and Shelia Peck, and several residents. Minutes of last year's meeting were formally adopted.

Charles noted that this was our third annual meeting in the refurbished building. It appeared that the refurbishment may have helped save the library from the present round of cutbacks in the library service. Other libraries were more badly affected.

Beginning a review of the past year's activities, Charles noted that the Treasurer had decided to stand down and thanked him. The post was open to anyone else interested. Our newsletter covered most of the year's Society activities and local issues, but he noted in particular that the annual tree-planting programme looked to be a casualty of council cuts; that discussions with St Modwen over their plans for the Leegate Centre proceeded in fits and starts, and that a proposal to redevelop the large Emmanuel Pentecostal Church premises in Lee High Road was coming up. Our annual fundraising event, the Plant Mart, had been a success socially and financially, raising a record of nearly £1,000. He thanked all who worked to make this and the other Society activities a success.

The Society's audited accounts for 2010 were reported. The balance on 31 January stood at a healthy £3,229.66. The accounts were formally adopted.

Three of the four officers stood for re-election. No other nominations were received. Cllr Sven Griesenbeck presided over the election, which returned Charles as Chairman, Ralph as Deputy and Sheila as Secretary. Steve agreed to continue as acting treasurer until a replacement was appointed.

Residents raised a couple of concerns. One was the continued pressure on streets just outside the controlled parking zone, and dangerous parking on some corners where yellow lines would help safety. It was noted that the annual resident's permit fee in controlled parking zones had just been doubled, adding to pressures on uncontrolled streets. Charles noted the thin attendance at the AGM. We would have to consider advertising the event more prominently next year.

The highlight of the evening was a talk by Chris McGaw who works for the Rivers and People Project. This council scheme aims to improve access to Lewisham's abundant wildlife and reconnect people with the three main waterways, the Quaggy, Ravensbourne and Pool rivers.

We offer our sincere thanks to the Council for the use of the Manor House for our meeting.