

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 13th February 2018 (*note change of day*)
at: 12 Micheldever Road, London SE12 8LX

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

Notes of our Meeting on 10th January 2018

Present: Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Frances Migniuolo, Vanessa Tinker, Mary Donovan, and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Sylvia Ling, Sue Byford, Patti Byford, Charles Batchelor, and Rita Craft.

Matters Arising from last Meeting 6th December 2017

Recycling: David F is still in communication with Lewisham Council about the arrangements. The day after the meeting Sheila did report that she had seen food waste in Brightfield Road put into blue bins (usually reserved for clinical waste!) by the collectors and then transferred to a rubbish lorry – but not with garden waste. It is also unclear as to how the new arrangements are supposed to dovetail with the last campaign which was to encourage home composting

Trees: David F also confirmed that he was still in discussion with Lewisham Council to agree planting sites for the new trees. A few days after the meeting Sheila reported that a new tree had been planted outside 14/16 Brightfield Road. **Note added:** a comprehensive planting programme is now underway (Jan/Feb 2018) and if you have a new tree close to your home, a good occasional drenching of the roots via the black corrugated feed pipe will be much appreciated!

Plant Mart

Because of at least two major national events on 19th May 2018, we all agreed that the date of this year's Plant Mart should be put back to Saturday 26th May, provided that is agreeable to the generous residents' front gardens we use for the event. So, we would ask all our green-fingered supporters to start preparing their kind donations!

uPVC windows?

We are in correspondence with The Lewisham Conservation Officers and Planning Enforcement about the rash of new front windows that are appearing in the Conservation Area but, so far, we are none the wiser. We have no real information, but we understand from the installers themselves that the construction is from some sort of wood (well, MDF) / plastic hybrid. The planning applications themselves were granted for timber framed double-glazed

windows (sash or casement) to the front elevation. One particularly unfortunate consequence has been the loss of the coloured panes to the top of the front ground floor windows of at least two properties in Handen Road and it is hard to imagine an individual home owner being allowed to (or would want to) get away with this.

Planning

35 Micheldever Road (replacement of existing timber windows and French doors with double glazed windows): We would like to see more detail of the proposed works because the side elevation is more visible than would normally be the case because it stretches along Wantage Road. Charles will report back.

14 Manor Lane (construction of a hip-to-gable roof extension together with construction of rear roof extension):- We agreed to ask Charles to look at this in detail.

Lee Green Consortium

Sheila will attend the next meeting of the Consortium on behalf of the Society. The meeting will include a detailed review of the results of the 'fun' questionnaire which had been completed by the people who attended the Volunteers' Get-together on 11th November last year, a review of last year's work by the Consortium and their plans for the 2018 Showcase in Manor House Gardens at the Festival on 23 June 2018.

Planning for Annual Report and AGM

We discussed the proposed date of the AGM and the general feeling was that it would probably be a good idea to move it back to September. We will ask Charles to mastermind the preparation of the Annual Report and we will consider the matter again at the next meeting. We also discussed who would speak at the AGM. A representative of St. Modwen or the Chair of the Friends of Manor House Gardens group were suggested but we would also be pleased to hear your ideas.

We thank the Lee Green Community Centre for hosting the meeting.