

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting -

7.30pm on 10th July 2019

In the Music Room, The Old Tiger's Head, Lee Green

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

Notes of our Meeting on 12th June 2019

Present: David Plumer, Mary Donovan, Barbara Bird, Charles Batchelor, David Ford, James Rathbone, Frances Migniuolo, Suki Goodman, Patti Byford, Veronica Simmonds, Ralph White (Chairman), Sue Byford, and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Dan Griffin, Rita Craft, Gillian Deal and Sylvia Ling.

Plant Mart

We were very lucky with the weather for our annual fund-raising event on 25 May but despite that we felt there was a lower footfall than usual and the funds raised were slightly lower than last year but more than in 2017. As a social occasion, it was a great success and many people stayed for some time to enjoy talking to friends and neighbours. We are most grateful to the homeowners who offered use of their front gardens for the event and we thank Sainsbury's Lee Green, Homecare DIY Lee and several generous individuals for donating prizes for our raffle. We all agreed that the new layout of the stalls was successful and that we will probably use it again next year.

Ice House

We will take part in the Manor House Gardens Festival on 22 June and are members of the Lee Consortium of local groups. On the afternoon, we plan to open the Ice House from noon to 5pm and we will also advertise the Lee Manor Community Garden. **Note added:** Nature lovers will be interested to know that we rescued upwards of three dozen tiny frogs from the Ice House before admitting the first visitors – part of the large coony that many people have observed in the Gardens this summer. A surprising number of our visitors from the locality had previously been unaware of the existence of the Ice House.

Fund Raising - Trees

Frances is investigating opportunities for fundraising to enable us to buy and plant more street trees in the Conservation Area. We have become aware of three funding options but timetables for two of the options are too short for us to compete. Plantings are agreed with Lewisham Council and their contractors, and usually involve using a tree 'pit' – a site where there was

previously a trench and where there is no interference with underground pipes and cables etc.

We recorded that two of the street trees in Taunton Road have been removed. This follows on from other fellings in the area, most recently in Wantage Road. We know that one of the trees was in a bad condition but do not know the reason for the removal of the others. As the Council know that we have a specific interest in street trees we would appreciate it if they would let us know the reasons for the removal.

Healthy Neighbourhoods Consultation

Lee Green ward is the first in the Borough of Lewisham to be engaged in this consultation. Residents have been sharing their views on-line (<https://streetbuilder.io/>) and at drop-in sessions. Two more drop-in sessions are taking place at Manor House Library from 4-7pm on 27th June within the Library and from 1-4pm on 6th July outside the Library. Comments and suggestions are invited on rat runs, speeding traffic, congestion, road crossings etc. A summary of findings from this first phase of engagement will be available in July on the Streetbuilder website. After feedback has been considered traffic management schemes and complementary measures will be drawn up, shared and then trialed for between 6 and 18 months.

Planning issues

Leigate:- Negotiations are continuing but little progress is being made. St. Modwen want to limit the amount of 'affordable housing' to 20% but Lewisham Council are insisting on a minimum of 30%. Discussions will no doubt continue but there is the possibility that St. Modwen will decide it is not financially viable for them to proceed and will therefore put the site up for sale.

6-8 Brightfield Road:- The developer submitted plans to convert the premises to residential accommodation which included the removal of the existing retail frontage of the building. We objected to the proposed removal of the shop frontage design and the Council agreed as a result of which alterations were made to the Application. A shop frontage design has now been proposed and our objection was withdrawn. Planning Consent was granted on 14th June.

44 Micheldever Road:- Installation of a front door to form an enclosed porch and laying of a replacement driveway.

We objected to the proposal and the Council agreed saying it would 'cause demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the property, the terrace and the Conservation Area'. The Application was refused but an Appeal has been submitted.

72 Burnt Ash Road:- construction of single storey rear extension together with a 2 storey outbuilding in the rear garden.

We proposed to object to this application because the existing plans on the website are almost illegible.

Annual Report and AGM

Our Financial Year End is now 31st July when our Annual Accounts will be prepared and submitted to our Honorary Accountant for scrutiny. We agreed we need to start preparation of our Annual Report and we extend an invitation for articles to be included.

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.