

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting:

7.30pm on 14th January 2015

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 12th November 2014

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), Frances Migniuolo, David Plumer, Veronica Simmons, Sue Byford, Diana Stevenson, Patti Byford, Anita Whitfield, John Dann, David Ford, Theresa Webb and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Jenny Lowen, Rita Craft, Bruce Allison, Dan Griffin, PC Ben Smith (Lee Green SNT) and Judy Cole.

Leegate

The Assembly Working Party recently had a meeting with two Lewisham Council Planning Officers who explained the S.106 Agreement principles and how they could possibly be used to the public advantage in the proposed redevelopment of Leegate. St. Modwen has announced their latest Public Exhibition date (15th November) and have delivered leaflets to local residents outlining their revised plans. We are still concerned that the only public open space being offered will be created by widening part of the pavement area along Burnt Ash Road. This area will not only be much less than the existing public open space but will also undoubtedly suffer from increased pollution and noise from passing traffic since the entrance to one of the car parking areas and the Asda service station will also be along that road. We consider it is essential that an independent traffic survey be undertaken as a matter of urgency. We are also concerned to know what consideration is being given to the existing/surviving traders. The Assembly Working Party has sent a letter to both St. Modwen and Lewisham Planning setting out their concerns, and the Society has written to Heidi Alexander asking for her support.

Controlled parking zones

The Lee Green Ward Steering Group met Council representatives (including the Project Engineer Paul Gellard who works with Southwark Council) on 6th November to hear the results of the recent CPZ consultation. It was good news all round. The consultation revealed that the vast majority of residents in the Lee Green Ward favoured a change from a full day to a 2hr restriction on parking from 10am to 12noon, The only sections which do not want the restriction reduced are those between Old Road and Manor Park, fronting Lee High Road. At the request of residents the 2hr zone has been extended to include the area between Hedgley Street and Southbrook Road. The only concern expressed by the Steering Group was the lack

of parking restrictions on Burnt Ash Road particularly bearing in mind the proposed redevelopment and additional housing to be brought to Leegate Shopping Centre.

The council has agreed to our suggestion that lower parking signs be installed against property boundaries rather than tall ones on the pavement edge. Such signs would be less obtrusive and at eye-level and therefore more easily visible from cars. A query was raised whether such signs would be more susceptible to theft and/or vandalism.

Parish Boundary Stone in Handen Road

No advance so far. Two weeks ago Lewisham Council sent a repeat email to the Conway Group who will undertake the installation but received no response. We first contacted the council in February to tell them of our plans and Conway have been aware of the project since the end of October. It would be good to get the stone installed in 2014, the year we have inscribed on the side. **Note added:** The Stone has now been professionally installed and we are planning a formal unveiling in the New Year.

Tree Planting

As mentioned in last month's Notes, Charles, David and Sheila undertook a survey of the area and prepared a list of suggested sites for the new trees. The proposal has been sent to the Council's Tree Planting section who will undertake a check to confirm there are no underground cables etc. which might prevent the suggested planting. The planting plan is:

Manor Lane: 1, Southbrook Road: 1, Lampmead Road: 2, Brightfield Road: 2, Burnt Ash Road: 5 and Woodyates Road: 2.

We have established that the lost tree at the entrance to Sainsbury was the responsibility of Lewisham Council and you will no doubt have noticed that the hole in the pavement has now been paved over. We have also been advised that TfL propose to plant 3 trees along Market Terrace which is between Bankwell Road and Old Road on Lee High Road.

Lee Green London

A new [web site](#) has been launched to publicise the work of Lee Green Local Assembly: why not bookmark the page and take a look? Many thanks to Cheryl Armitage for masterminding this new venture.

LMS 2015 Timetable

Plantmart – Saturday 16th May 2015. Spring will be upon us soon, and if you have surplus plants, or plants to be divided, do please consider setting some to one side and donating them to our annual fund raiser. We will much appreciate them! We are also collecting jam jars (350 – 500 g size) and please contact Ralph if you have any to dispose of over the next months.

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 20th May 2015 in the Baring Room at Manor House Library. Heidi Alexander has agreed to speak after the formal meeting.

We thank the Leegate Community Centre for the use of their facilities for the meeting