

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

8 pm Wednesday 9 November 2005

66 Effingham Road

*Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30 – nibbles afterwards*

### Note of our 12 October 2005 meeting, at 11 Wantage Road

**Present:** Charles Batchelor, Ralph White, Steve Griffiths, Sylvia Ling, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Sheila Peck, Bernard Hills, Jeannette Hope, Rachel Whitehead.

**Apologies:** Faye Carney, Yvette Croucher, Jeremy Carden.

#### News on planning applications

- The Council refused the retrospective application to retain the inappropriate UPVC windows fitted at 43 Micheldever Road, so these will be removed within a few weeks.
- Nothing has been heard about the proposal to erect a block of flats at the rear of 17/19 Northbrook Road.  
**Action:** Pauline to check the latest position
- There are applications to crown reduce a tree at 92A Effingham Road (rear), to fell 3 limes at the front of 13 Handen Road, and to fell a walnut at 86 Burnt Ash Road. The Council's amenities panel had objected to the felling of a lime at 7 Manor Lane and requested a tree preservation order be issued.
- The two-storey extension to enable conversion of the house to flats at 142 Manor Lane has been refused.
- Ralph will aim to look monthly at the list of new planning applications are shown on the Council website, as this provides early warning of proposals which will come before the Panel for comment.  
**Action: Ralph**  
(the list is at <http://www4.lewisham.gov.uk/acolnet/lewis-xslpagesDC/acolnetcgi.exe>)

#### Manor House Library

We have written to the Council in support of the planning application and a listed buildings consent for the Library project (a grade II\* listed building). Our letter included Bernard Hill's constructive suggestions from an architect's viewpoint. The applications will go to the Council's design panel on Tuesday 18 October. We urged ongoing consultation about the use of the building once finished. **Action:** Society to attend design panel.

#### New Council planning policies

Charles has given the Council some comments on its consultation documents containing draft new local development frameworks about transport and open spaces. The transport consultation mentions Controlled Parking Zones, but asked no specific consultation questions. Three more consultations had now been circulated, on retailing & town centres; education; health and community facilities. **Action:** Charles to consider commenting on the retail draft.

(note: Council consultation papers are at <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/CommunityAndLiving/>)

## **Meetings with the Council**

The "Focas" group of conservation and amenity societies is meeting planning officers on October 17 to discuss progress on consultation issues. **Action:** Charles to attend.

Mayor Steve Bullock is coming to Lee Green for a public meeting on 24 November at 7pm (venue: the New Testament Church of God, 370 Lee High Road).

## **Amenity issues**

- Charles is writing to Gavin Moore with survey findings and expressing concern at poor work. **Action:** CB
- We received a letter of support about our action on the gateless yard/garage at the corner of Effingham Road and Manor Lane which is being dumped in. **Action:** Steve to contact author and owners.(The tenant of the property has since indicated the owner has promised to act soon.)
- Ralph White wrote to the Council about the National rental cars (from the Lee High Road depot) being stored in Wantage Road. The Council thought they could not act as the cars were not being offered for sale. We still think this cannot be a lawful ongoing use of the public highway. **Action:** Ralph and Society members to monitor problems.
- The area just east of Hither Green station is now on the Council's priority list for a Controlled Parking Zone.

## **Graffiti**

The Council has apologised for the delay in responding to Charles' photos of graffiti sent to its website – <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk> (which promises rapid clean-up action). They have offered a meeting to discuss the graffiti issue, at which we will pursue the question of graffiti on shop's shutters. **Action:** Charles to meet Council.

## **Help tackle local graffiti!**

Please note that our graffiti-busters go out on the 4th Sunday each month (2.30 til 4-ish). By keeping on top of new graffiti, less of it tends to appear (less copycat action). Anyone is welcome to help (please ring Charles on 0208 852 1644).

## **Northbrook School**

The Council has circulated a consultation document about plans for Northbrook School, including the plan to take over the Ennersdale Road School site to help expand the school roll. There is a public meeting on 7 November. We understand the plans do not affect the size or appearance of the existing Northbrook building.

## **The Ice House**

We have received a letter of thanks from the Open House organisers. Numbers visiting the Ice House on the open weekend recently were 56% higher than last year, partly due to Boone's Chapel also being open not far away. Average numbers on our ordinary openings are also up on last year, from 93 to 117. We are heading for our 8000th visitor since the restoration was completed.

## **Trees ideas wanted**

We will soon be putting ideas to the Council for more planting, so please send us your suggestions for new street trees. Please water any trees whenever they look like they need a drink, especially new ones.

## **Secretary-in-Waiting!**

We have a new Secretary from next Spring. Sheila Peck has very kindly volunteered to fill the gap.

*Many thanks to Andrea and Bernard for their hospitality*