

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting -
7.30pm on 11th May 2022
at: 12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX**

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

Notes of our Meeting on 13th April 2022

Present: David Plumer, David Ford, Charles Batchelor, Mary Donovan, Elisabeth Caulfield, Frances Migniuolo, Ralph White (Chairman), and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Veronica Simmons, Barbara Bird, Sylvia Ling and Lorraine Burton.

Lewisham Council Documents

Cllr. James Rathbone has taken up the issue of the non-availability of Planning Policy documents in printed form. At an earlier on-line meeting between Societies and the Planning Department, Charles raised this issue, arguing that it was difficult to read these documents on-line and almost impossible to compare drafts with later revisions. The Planners said it was too expensive to provide paper copy documents even if Societies offered to pay. We felt this was not good enough. It was a constraint on proper consultation with local communities. Cllr. Rathbone said the Planning Department had said printed copies of these documents could be made available. But we think there has been a misunderstanding over Planning Applications which are relatively short and easily readable on-line and policy documents which can run into hundreds of pages. We will continue to press the planners on this issue.

Liberal Democrats - Leegate

Charles recently had a telephone conversation with Karen Pratt (a Lib. Dem. candidate) who confirmed that the Lib. Dems. support the provision of housing for young people and families in Leegate but definitely not in the tower blocks currently proposed. They are making this point in their election campaign.

Trees

With funding from the S.106 provisions on the redevelopment of the St. Winifred's School site on Effingham Road, 10 trees will be ordered and planted later this year by Street Trees For Living. We also have £3,000.00 from NCIL for tree planting in Burnt Ash Road which has to be used within two years.

Planning

82 Manor Lane – Installation of replacement sash windows and laying of tiles in front garden.
- We have no objection.

47a Handen Road (the old Vicarage) – Removal of spiral stairs and entry door to first floor side elevation. - We are pleased with this change and have no objection: we have already confirmed this to the Planning Department.

92a Effingham Road – Fell mature Lime tree at rear. The tree has heart rot and the trunk is completely hollow. - We would prefer it if the tree could be retained but will rely on the judgment of the Tree Officer and the Planning Committee.

Lord Northbrook Public House – The pub is due to undergo a complete refurbishment and will close for 1 month from 25th April. We have no objections

Ice House

We will welcome our 30,000th visitor at our opening on 17th April, As it will be a special occasion we will celebrate with sharing a bottle of champagne and take photographs. We will issue a press release. of the special visit.

'Festival of Culture' from noon to 8pm on 18th June in Manor House Gardens

The Friends of Manor House Gardens Group are organising this event which will include a Culture Corner area with talks and poetry readings, a Health and Wellbeing area, a Children's Area, a main stage for bands and performances, a childrens stage, a Funfair and some delicious food stalls - something for everyone! We will open the Ice House from noon until 5pm.

Plant Mart and Garden Party from 2 pm on Saturday 21st May

We have already agreed the opening with the owners of Nos. 2 and 4 and (note added) 6 Micheldever Road. In addition to plants we will also have our usual books and bric a brac stalls as well as tea and cakes. The theme is '**Bring a Plant – Buy a Plant**' and your generous donations of plants will be most welcome. Please contact us on this email address

Tree Walk reminder – 11am 7 May



We thank Charles Batchelor for hosting the meeting