

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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**Annual General Meeting
7.30pm on 14th September 2022
at: The Manor House**

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

Notes of our Meeting on 13th July 2022

Present: David Plumer, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Frances Mignuolo, Barbara Bird, Patti Byford, Charles Batchelor, David Dannreuther, Ralph White (Chairman) and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: James Rathbone, Mary Donovan and Lorraine Burton.

Matters Arising not covered below

David P corrected the suggestion in our last Minutes about attendance at the Ice House and pointed out that the record attendance on an opening was in fact 507 which happened at the Party in the Park back in 2016.

Treasurer

We are sorry to report that our Treasurer, Lorraine Burton, has retired because she is no longer living in the area, and we thank her for her long professional service. We are seeking a new Treasurer and would welcome offers or suggestions from members of the Society. We also identified a need for an alternate second signatory for cheques. Sheila Peck offered and her offer was accepted.

Fernbrook Road Trees

A homeowner in Fernbrook road has again raised concern over the tall and overgrown Silver Birches in the road. The trees are extending into the overhead telegraph wires and are in urgent need of pollarding. David F confirmed he would contact the Council's Tree officer again and ask for urgent attention.

AGM

It was agreed that our AGM would be held on our next meeting date, 14th September. We discussed various possibilities for a guest speaker but no final decision was made. **Note added** we confirm that the location will be the Manor House.

Manor House Gardens Festival review

We felt somewhat excluded from the Festival this year partly because the lawn gate exit

opposite the Ice House was locked and there was quite a large hoarding which obscured the view of the Ice House entrance. We also felt it wasn't helpful that the nearby stalls were facing away from the Ice House. We were told that the reason for the closure of the gate was the lack of a steward to control entry and exit – a safety requirement - but that the arrangements will be re-examined next year. In the event, footfall was good with a steady flow of visitors.

Planning

71 Effingham Road – Construction of mansard roof extensions and solar panels on the rear roof slope together with the installation of 3 roof lights on the front slope.

We have objected to this application.

Leegate redevelopment plans

Charles has prepared and submitted our objection to the latest development proposals by Galliard Homes. You can [read our objection on our website](#). Objections have also been submitted by the Blackheath Society, Lee Forum, the Retailers and others. We would encourage everyone to submit their comments on the proposals to the Council using email planning@lewisham.gov.uk and reference DC/22/126997. The formal closing date for submission of objections is 22nd July but the Council have confirmed that comments received after that date over the summer period will be accepted. We understand the Council will hold a consultation meeting (probably in September) which everyone can attend. We do welcome attempts to renovate this crumbling ruin – but not the over development as currently proposed

The 15-storey corner block proposed for the redeveloped Leegate shopping centre forms the key element in the Society's response to the developer's planning application. We think this is excessive as it will completely dominate the historic buildings that surround the Lee Green crossroads. We have also highlighted serious flaws in the way the results of the public consultation have been interpreted and an unintelligible analysis of the scheme's impact on local heritage buildings such as the two Tiger's Heads, the former police station and the fire station. We continue to work with other local societies in the run-up to November when the application is expected to be considered by the planning committee. If the scheme gets the go-ahead demolition and building work will take eight years - to 2030.

Ice House Commentary

David P drew our attention to the laminated risk assessment about the use of the Ice House (including emergency contacts at Glendale) which should be displayed on open days. David confirmed that all monies are passed to our Treasurer but asked if helpers could ensure that the cash flow which is retained is a range of coins to enable 'change' to be given to customers if necessary. Donation this year have been good.

Graffiti

For some years Charles has removed local graffiti but this is not possible on some surfaces such as bricks and shutters. The Council used to remove graffiti, which was reported to them but, due to funding reductions, it has decided it can no longer removed graffiti from private properties. Charles raised this point with Cllr. James Rathbone and asked if the decision could be changed. Cllr. Rathbone has confirmed that, due to 12 consecutive years of funding reductions and the need to make approximately £36m additional budget cuts in the next four years the decision cannot be changed and suggested that if Charles wished to pursue the matter he could do so personally at a Council meeting.

We thank Charles Batchelor for hosting the meeting