

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm on 25th July 2018

at: 98 Effingham Road, London SE12 8NU

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

Notes of our Meeting on 13th June 2018

Present: Ralph White (Chair), David Plumer, Veronica Simmonds, Mary Donovan, Charles Batchelor, Gillian Deal, Lorraine Burton (Treasurer), David Ford, Suki Goldman, Patti Byford and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Rita Craft, Sylvia Ling, Leslee Dryland, Sue Byford and Frances Migniuolo.

In memorium: Bernard Hills

We sadly report that Bernard Hills died recently after a long illness. Bernard previously lived in Wantage Road and was a practising architect who supported the Society with invaluable advice for many years. Our thoughts are with Andrea.

Extraordinary General Meeting

A motion to be debated by Lee Manor Society had been received in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution:

'That this house agrees that the current Lee Manor Society financial year-end be moved from 31 January 2018 to 31 July 2018, and that in future the financial year will run from 1 August until 31 July each year. The Annual General meeting will be held no later than 30 November of the following financial year.'

The motion was put to the vote and was agreed *nem con*. The meeting was closed. The [Constitution](#) has been changed accordingly.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Leegate Shopping Centre DC/18/107468

St. Modwen has recently submitted a planning application for the demolition of the Leegate Shopping Centre buildings and the redevelopment of the site. Unfortunately, at the time of our meeting the relevant documentation was not available on-line (this has now been remedied) although a paper copy was available in Manor House Library. In view of the on-line access problem, Cllr. Jim Mallory has asked Lewisham Council to agree an extension of the 'comment' period to the end of July which would also provide time for a discussion at the next Assembly meeting (19 July) and for a meeting of the local Advisory Group with St Modwen representatives (12 July). We are generally in favour of the revised proposals although we are

concerned at the loss of mature trees, and the planned size and situation of the proposed Community Centre. Our detailed response to the proposal can be viewed on our [web site](#).

Planning

111 Taunton Road (construction of a rear dormer roof extension and installation of a roof light in the side roof slope): On behalf of the Society Charles objected to the original application on the basis of size. An amended application reducing the size of the extension and the roof light was submitted and has been approved.

109 Brightfield Road: The Society objected to the application to replace the timber sash windows in the property with uPVC and we report that the application has been refused.

37 Wantage Road (removal of garage and door and replacement with living space and front door): This is a 1970's town house and we have no objection to the proposal.

20 Manor Lane (construction of single storey ground floor extension, solar panels on the rear roof and reconstruction of front wall): We have no objection.

25 Brightfield Road (replacement of double glazed timber windows): We have no objection.

21 Wantage Road (construction of ground level single storey extension to rear): There is already a side extension to the property and, in view of the high fence and the amount of foliage on the Micheldever Road side we believe the additional extension will not be visible and so have no objection to the proposal.

Trees

This year we have planted 10 trees – 2 in Aislibie Road, 2 in Brightfield Road, 2 in Handon Road, 1 in Pitfold Road, 1 in Woodyates Road and 2 in Taunton Road.

A severely diseased tree has been removed from the public pavement outside of 22 Wantage Road. David F and Charles are dealing with the removal of sprouting sycamore trees from the Lee Station Embankment on the upside approach.

We would like to ensure the continued planting and preservation of trees in the area and will ask Lewisham Council to include a standard policy in their Core Planning Document which is currently being reviewed.

Plant Mart and Spring Fair, 26th May

We were very lucky with the weather this year, and attendance was also good. From our sales and events, we raised over £1,150 which is our best ever result; plants alone produced nearly £500. The money raised supports Lee Manor Society's work in the Lee Manor Conservation Area and we thank all visitors for their donations and contributions and the home-owners he generously allowed us use of their front gardens for the afternoon.

For the benefit of our volunteers we have decided that in future there should be a rota for the plant set up and sales and also that we should advertise that the occasion is arranged by and for the benefit of Lee Manor Society.

We have decided to continue to include 'Spring Fair' in the name of the event to take into account all the other activities which are available on our special day.

Annual General Meeting

At the kind invitation of V22, our AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th September in the Baring Room at Manor House Library. We have yet to decide on a speaker and any suggestions will be welcomed.

We thank Lee Green Lives Community Centre for hosting the meeting.