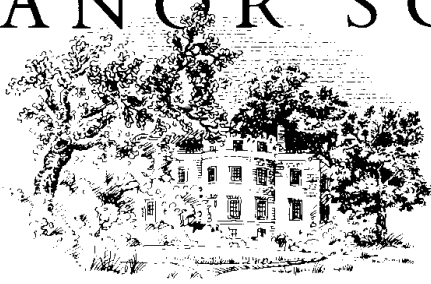


LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 10 April 2019 at the Community Centre, Leegate

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – d.i.y. refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 13 March 2019

Present: David Plumer, David Ford, Sue Byford, Gillian Deal, Mary Donovan, Sheila Pack (Secretary), Barbara Bird, Patti Byford, Frances Mignuolo, Ralph White (Chairman)

Apologies: Charles Batchelor, Lorraine Burton, Rita Craft, Sylvia Ling, Chris Peters

Ice House

David P. led a discussion about management of the Ice House over the coming season. One of the padlocks securing the entrance had been vandalised and could not be opened, but Glendale has very promptly replaced it on request and we offer them our thanks. It was confirmed that we should carry a £5.00 float for each opening with coinage to support the sale of leaflets at 50p., with any takings (sale of leaflets, donations) being passed to the Treasurer for banking. The first opening will be on Sunday 7 April. David P. and Ralph tabled a paper outlining improvements to the area by the Ice House, including a levelling of the area where our reception desk is placed, general repairs to the metal work at the entrance, and acquisition of a notice board to advertise the Ice House and also general Lee Manor Society notices: ideally this would be of similar design to the one installed by Glendale for the Friends of Manor House Garden but probably half the width. Ralph has informally sounded out the Chair of the Gardens Group, and the next step will be to discuss the proposals with Glendale.

Milestone

Ralph tabled a paper summarising what we know about the milestone on the New Cross Turnpike that is located on Lee High Road close to the junction with Lenham Road. We need to establish ownership and listing status and this will be raised with the Lewisham Conservation Officers.

Lewisham Characterisation Study

Allies and Morrison Urban Practitioners were commissioned by the Council in February 2018 to prepare the Lewisham Characterisation Study. The study updates the previous 2010 Characterisation Study and responds to the significant growth and change in the borough since this time. You can contribute to the consultation by visiting this web site:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lewisham-characterisation-study/>

Plant Mart – Saturday 25 May 2019

Because of planned landscaping works, one of the front gardens generously offered for hosting the Plant Mart may not be available this year and we will have to juggle the event over a reduced area but we are confident this can be done.

As always, we extend an invitation to you to support us with your generous donations ...



Halving those hostas? Uprooting those runners? Propagating cuttings? A couple of spare plugs? Growing from seed? Whilst you are gardening, why not prepare an extra pot or three and donate them to our Plant Mart? We are dependent upon your generosity and will very much appreciate anything you can spare!

Criminal Activity and Anti-Social Behaviour.

There has been an increasing realisation that all is not well in the centre of the Conservation Area, and some residents contacted the Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Team. **Note added end-March:** A successful raid was launched and an active drugs den has been shut down. Many thanks to the SNT – they are keen to receive items of information which are logged and built into ‘heat maps’ of activity in the neighbourhood which can then be turned into an action plan. They can be contacted on 0208 284 8574 / 07920 233877 or via the main Metropolitan Police web site: <https://www.met.police.uk/>

Planning Matters

Since the last meeting, we have been notified of several applications for tree maintenance, none of which were contentious and so we have made no comment.

Any Other Business

Lewisham Council Main Grants Programme 2019 – 2022: Many congratulations to Lee Green Lives, who have been awarded a grant to support their work over the next three years. The assessment of the application says, and we quote –

‘This is a strong application that demonstrates a clear understanding of local assets and good track record of working with local communities to improve the area and its services.’

The award is for £25,000 over each of the next three years. Whilst not the full amount requested, it is a significant success bearing in mind the pressure on Local Authority finances and the competing applications.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10 April at the Community Centre, Leegate, starting at 7.30 pm



We thank Ju White for hosting the meeting.