

# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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## **Next Meeting**

**8pm on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at  
12 Micheldever Road, SE12 8LX**

*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.30pm - nibbles afterwards*

## **Notes of our Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January at 105 Burnt Ash Road**

**Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Andrea Breugelmans, David Plumer, Steve Griffiths, May Clarke, Anita Whitfield, Jeremy Carden, David Stopp, Sylvia Ling, Sue Byford, Lewis Stewart (Safer Neighbourhood Team), and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Suki Picarda.

## **Lee Green Heritage Panel**

Jeremy's 'readers' have suggested revisions to some of the wording on the panel particularly in the acknowledgements and John Coulter has also suggested some amendments which we all agreed were good. We are now obtaining quotes from manufacturers and pursuing the council for approval of our preferred location for the panel.

## **Controlled Parking Zone Plans**

At the date of our meeting the council had not responded to our letter of objection to their proposals. In view of the re-opening of the library and the lack of parking facilities on site we had suggested more 'pay and display' facilities in Old Road and other streets. (The council has since announced that residents have backed their proposals to extend the Hither Green and Old Road/Bankwell Road CPZs. The traffic team has replied to our letter stating it will look at removing some of the on-pavement parking in Manor Lane. We see no need for any pavement parking in this road).

## **Safer Neighbourhood Team**

Lewis reminded us of the Street Briefings which had been arranged to take place in Manor Park and Handen Road at 12 noon on 17 January to alert residents to the car crime which is being experienced particularly in the vicinity of those two roads. The idea was to warn residents of the dangers and advise them of the sort of precautions to take to avoid trouble.

### **Manor House Library**

Discussions are continuing about the use to which the building's facilities can be put by local residents and organisations. The Society is itself considering the possibility of holding meetings such as the AGM in the Manor House in the future. There have also been more discussions about security particularly in view of the fact that the building will open to the Gardens at the rear where there are many windows. All public access will be from the front of the building and there will be limited parking facilities available.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January there was the Mayor's Commission on Libraries and Learning meeting at the Council Offices. The Mayor reaffirmed Lewisham's intent to maintain and enhance the Library service and adult education in general. A major problem is funding via the Learning & Skills Council, which commissions teaching, and which has a marked preference for 'accredited' teaching (i.e you get a 'qualification') whereas many of Lewisham's most popular courses do not fall into this category. Strenuous efforts are being made to secure sufficient funding.

### **Planning Matters**

3 Handen Road: Crown lift by 3m and crown reduce by 2m a Leylandii tree to the front - we would not object

71 Taunton Road: Construction of single storey side extension and installation of 2 solar panels on side roof slope of existing building - we would have no objection

3 Southbrook Road: Alteration and conversion to provide one 1 bed flat and one 3 bed maisonette, both self-contained. This sort of conversion has been carried out in other properties in the road and we would therefore have no objection.

The Lee Health Centre, 2 Handen Road: Fell 2 horse chestnut, 1 Sycamore and 2 Ash trees plus carry out minor remedial and maintenance work to other trees - we query the need for the removal of the trees

117 Burnt Ash Road: Consent has been granted for the change of use to a restaurant and café. We have seen no details of the style of the proposed new shop front.

### **Lee Green Assembly**

Another reminder that the next formal Assembly meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February and this time will be held at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Handen Road from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

### **The Year Ahead**

We discussed dates for our regular annual events and it was agreed that our programme should be posted on the Notice Boards at the Local Railway Stations. We are provisionally considering the AGM for 7<sup>th</sup> May - in the Manor House if possible, the Plant Mart for 16<sup>th</sup> May and our Social Evening for 11<sup>th</sup> September

*Many thanks to Charles for hosting the meeting*