

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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OUR NEXT MEETING

8pm on Wednesday 11 April

at 13a Northbrook Road, London SE13 5QT

Open to all residents in the area. Ends 9.30pm-nibbles afterwards

Note of our Meeting on 14th March at 12 Micheldever Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White, Steve Griffith, Faye Carney, David Plumer, Andrea Breugelmanns, Jeremy Carden, May Clarke, Cheryl Armitage, Anita Whitfield, Sven Griesenbeck and Sheila Peck.

Apologies: Jim Mallory, Lee Green SNT, Sylvia Ling, Pauline Hatfield, Janice and Michael Goodwin.

News on Planning Applications

- 35 Southbrook Road - construction of a disabled lift shaft to the rear. This application was discussed at the Panel Meeting on 8th March when it was agreed that no objection should be raised.
- 31 Southbrook Road - construction of 1st floor rear extension - there was no Panel quorum when this application came up which meant that it went through without comment

Trees:

- 22 Micheldever Road: - reduce back, crown and thin 2 Sycamores – no objection
- 51b Micheldever Road - pollard White Poplar – no objection..
- 55 Manor Lane (see last month's Notes) - the Council decided to advise the retention of the Lime Tree but to agree the removal of the Acacia. Unfortunately both trees have been removed. We are concerned about the removal of the Lime Tree as these trees are an historic feature of the area. We considered the possibility of undertaking a survey of the Conservation Area to identify Lime and other trees which should possibly be made subject to a Tree Preservation Orders as this is the only way in which removal can be protected.

Speed Humps (see last month's Notes)

Southbrook Road and Micheldever Road are 'emergency routes' and it is because of this that they have not 'humps' but 'cushions' – the latter generally considered by the residents to be worthless. There are concerns that the 'humps' in Effingham Road are causing vibration but it is unlikely that there can be any change in the arrangements because officers advise that vibration does not lead to structural damage...

The Ice House

The Open Season begins on 1st April and we will again be welcoming visitors on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month between 3pm and 5pm. The Rota for the season was agreed. We will again be part of the Open House Day on the 15th & 16th September. We agreed that the new '30 Year' leaflet would be sold together with the 'Lee Manor Conservation Area' booklet for 50p and we will continue to sell the 'Ice House' leaflet with the 'Lee Manor Conservation Area Map' leaflet also for 50p.

The Manor House

The formal Planning Application process was submitted in February. The Project Manager, Antonio Rizzo is expecting to meet English Heritage on site for a progress report during March. It is anticipated that the Planning Authority will arrange a Public Meeting. This will be when members of the community and local organisations will have the opportunity to voice their views and we (and all other interested parties) should therefore do our best to attend to ensure that we have our say in support of the Project.

Plant Mart – 12 May

This will be held from 2pm at 2, 4 and 6 Micheldever Road. Please start planting seeds and preparing rooted cuttings now as well as plants and shrubs to bring along in May!

There will also be raffles, games and cream teas, and stalls selling bric-à-brac, cakes and jams, and an epicurean bottle tombola.

Good quality donations for these stalls will be much appreciated – contact Sylvia, Faye or Ralph (on news@leemanorsociety.org) for information and offers of help on the day.

Leegate Design Brief

The sub-committee duly met on Sunday 11th March and Charles has now completed preparation of the draft document to present to the Council with a view to them preparing a formal Design Brief for the area. The general aim is to ensure that any new development is undertaken at a high standard and that the existing 'good' buildings are preserved. We would intend to circulate the document to local councillors and planning departments (both Lewisham and Greenwich), the Blackheath Society, St. Modwens, who are the owners of Leegate, local history groups and possibly Sainsbury's and other local traders.

Locality Fund (see January Notes)

Charles advised on the allocation of the fund monies, which we all agreed was acceptable, but expressed concern at the lack of consultation with local groups before the allocation was decided. Sven (local Lib. Dem. Councillor) explained that they had only been made aware of the availability of the monies in mid-December and the Council had required details by 15 th January which had meant that they had to make quick decisions. Sven said that Councillor Paul Bentley had tried to contact and arrange consultations with local groups but in view of the intervening Christmas period this had not been possible. Current ideas can be seen at

<http://leepedialite.blogspot.com/2007/01/how-were-proposing-to-spend-locality.html>

Local Events

Tall Lighthouse Poetry - This was held at Stark Gallery on Friday 23rd March

Lewisham Local History Society - 30th March, 7.45pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Albion Way where Neil Rhind will be speaking.

Many thanks to Ralph and Julia for hosting the meeting