

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on Wednesday 17 June 2015
at: venue to be confirmed

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

Notes of our Meeting on 15 April 2015

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman, Notes), David Plumer, Veronica Simmons, Patti Byford, Anita Whitfield, David Ford, Sue Byford, Chris Peters, Elisabeth Caulfield, Frances Migniuolo

Apologies: Diana Stevenson, Sheila Peck, Bruce Allison, Sylvia Ling, Rita Craft, Pauline Hatfield, Jenny Lowen.

Progress on Leegate

Our [objections](#) to the proposed development (ref.DC/14/90032) were submitted to the Lewisham Council Planning Department before the deadline (15 April). They can be viewed on our website. Interestingly, as of end-April and despite the intense interest, only 16 comments had been recorded on the Planning Portal. The plans are expected to be scrutinised by the appropriate Planning Committee in July.

PlantMart – Saturday 16 May 2015

Our annual fundraiser will be held at the usual time and place again this year from 2 – 4 pm in the front gardens of 2, 4 & 6 Micheldever Road. We are always grateful for donations of plants and bric-à-brac – write to news@leemanorsociety.org to arrange collection, or just deliver on the morning. [Click here](#) for a poster for display!



Our winter street tree planting programme

To date, 11 of the 13 new street trees have been planted. In particular, you may have noticed new trees at the south end of Burnt Ash Road. The site for one of the unplanted trees was found to be solid concrete and a new site needs to be agreed. We have suggested alternative sites and are chasing up the council to complete the planting. We have agreed with a number of residents, churches and local businesses to water the new trees for the first two years. However, it is difficult to overwater so if there is a new tree near you, please do your bit. Plastic water pipes sunk into the soil will take the water down to the roots.

AGM Update – Heidi Alexander MP is our speaker

Our Annual General Meeting will be held from 7.30 pm in the Baring Room at the Manor House, Old Road on Wednesday 20 May. All residents are welcome to attend.

After the formal business, there will be talk by Heidi Alexander who will describe her experiences over the last five years as an MP.

New rubbish storage area for estate in Wantage Road

Our first response to the new rubbish storage facility on the corner of Wantage Road and Taunton Road was that the solution might be as bad as the problem! For years residents and fly-tippers had been leaving large items on the grassed area at the corner. However, a coat of dark wood stain, padlocked doors and clear evidence that the facility is being well-managed indicate that it is achieving its stated purpose – thank you Cheryl Armitage (Leegreen.London) and Lewisham Homes!

Lee Station embankment management plan

Charles and David Ford have met South Eastern Trains and there is progress towards permission for us to manage the more accessible areas of the station landscape, although the steep embankments will remain out of bounds. We plan to arrange the planting of wild flowers and bulbs as well as keeping the area tidy and free of litter. Many years ago we reached agreement with what was then British Rail for the mowing of the bank to be timed to allow flowering plants to set and drop their seeds.

Update on transport issues - Lewisham Gateway

We continue to monitor the problems with public transport links between Lee and New Cross – principally the turn-around of the 321 bus short of its destinations. However, we do need your eye-witness accounts before we can take this up with TfL.

Manor House Gardens Festival

For the diary: this year on Saturday 20 June.

We thank Charles Batchelor for hosting the meeting