

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 11th October 2017
at: Leegate Community Centre
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - d.i.y. refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 6th September 2017

Present: Charles Batchelor, David Plumer, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Suki Goodman, Patti Byford, Chris Peters, Frances Mignuolo, Sue Byford, Stuart Reed, Beata Micunovic and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Ralph White, Jenny Lowen, Sylvia Ling, Jim Mallory and Rita Craft.

New Recycling arrangements

We discussed the new Lewisham Council Food Waste recycling arrangements. Some people have already received the bins, one for indoor collection and one for kerbside collection every week at the same time as the standard recycling collection. Black bin refuse will only be collected every other week. The new system will begin on 2nd October and in this area all bins will be emptied on Thursday.

Planning

A general note: It is open to anyone to object to a Planning Application provided they give a 'planning' reason for the objection. Personal details must also be provided.

49 Southbrook Road: An Appeal has been lodged against the refusal of the application to allow alterations and extensions to dormer windows. The Society objected to the original application but is not allowed to comment on the Appeal which has been sent to the Bristol Planning office for consideration.

uPVC windows: We have identified 3 properties (69 Micheldever Road, 42 and 44 Handen Road) where permission was granted for the installation of new timber framed double glazed windows in the front elevations but uPVC windows have in fact been installed. We have written to Lewisham Planning asking them to investigate this apparent breach of Planning Permission.

Ice House

As usual we will be opening the Ice to the public from 12 noon to 5.30pm on Open House Weekend, 16th and 17th September. This will be our final session for the current year. Openings will begin again on the first Sunday of April 2018.

Trees

We discussed Mayor Sadiq Khan's new £9 million Greener City Fund to create and improve green spaces and encourage more tree planting in London. Round One is for Community Tree Planting Grants for which the Application deadline is 29th September – so not much time. Stuart Reed has offered to prepare a bid on behalf of the Society which we much appreciate.

David and Charles have applied for funding from the Local Assembly to support the planting of 2 trees in the Conservation Area and we have also received financial donations from some local residents -we thank them for their generosity.

We are still pursuing Conway about their workmen laying tarmac right up to the base of the trunks of street trees, thus impeding watering, but have not yet received a response.

David and Charles are also working on removing the numerous self-seeded sycamore trees from the Lee Station railway embankment by cutting and poisoning roots and they are also pleased to report that the bent over trees in Woodyates Road and outside the chip shop on Burnt Ash Road have both been straightened.

Leegate

No further news on the proposed redevelopment of the site but we have heard that Killian Morris has left his post as Development Manager at St. Modwen and has been replaced by Colin Darby who will be assisted by new staff. Current intelligence suggests the application will be made at the end of October 2017.

Lee Green Consortium Funding

Lee Green Lives has applied for Local Assembly Funding on behalf of the Consortium which was established in 2016. The aim of the Consortium is to promote the work of our many local community groups and enable them to work together to create a safer, healthier and pleasant environment and to provide services and amenities for local people. If the application is successful the funding will be used, amongst other things, to provide training in governance for trustees, develop a joint funding process and set up a digital workshop.

Petty Crime

We discussed the increase in petty crime including street robberies, moped attacks, fly tipping, speeding, and cycling on pavements. It was suggested that the Council could put up temporary cameras in places where offences are regularly committed. If you are approached by a stranger, don't stop even if you feel you are being rude and do report any incident immediately. There is a 'Fix my Street' app which can be downloaded onto mobile phones which means you can photograph and report an incident even whilst walking along the road, or you can go on-line at home. Other suggestions were to carry a whistle to use to draw attention if are involved in an incident on the street and there is an alarm which can be installed at your front door with a cord to pull if you have an unwelcome visitor!

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.