

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 14th March 2012
at: The Music Room, Old Tiger's Head, Lee Green SE12
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - social afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 8th February 2012 at 12 Micheldever Road

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chair), Ralph White (Deputy Chair), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Faye Carney, Dan Griffin, Elizabeth Caulfield, Patti Byford, Suki Picarda, Steve Griffiths, Anita Whitfield, Andrea Hughes and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Veronica Simmons, Sue Byford, Jim Mallory, Francis Migniuolo and Lorraine Burton (Treasurer).

Progress on discussion of CPZ

At the Local Assembly Meeting on the previous evening the document highlighted in last month's Minutes (and viewable on our Website) was approved subject to the inclusion of two additional points:-

1. the suggestion of the possibility of there being an initial 'grace' period for visitors in the Charging Policy where they might pay less for an initial period, and
2. the possible negotiation of special parking rates in local car parks for school teachers.

Subject to these small amendments, the Assembly agreed that the Report and recommendations of the Working Group be sent to the Mayor with a request for an early response and also that the Working Group continue in order to progress issues which can be resolved within the Lee Green area.

Planning Matters

Hedgley Street - Satellite discs: Following notification by a local resident of TV disks being attached to the front of several properties, Charles will investigate the possibility of enforcing their removal - but, unfortunately, has pointed out that the Council are not very good at enforcing this sort of restriction.

New Tiger' Head: The entire building is now on the market for £1.8 million. Charles's earlier application for National Listing was unsuccessful but he is proposing to make a further application for Local Listing in the hope of securing the retention of the main structure of the building.

Ice House Rota

Dan is working on the Rota for this year and so, if anyone would like to volunteer for a session, please do let us know. As usual we will be opening the Ice House to the public on the first and third Sunday of each month from April until September between 3pm and 5pm with the exception of Open House Weekend where there will be two shifts between 12noon and 5pm.

Progress on Street Bench

Lewisham Homes have confirmed that they have no objection to the proposed location or design. We are still endeavouring to make contact with Riverwood to arrange a visit.

'No to ASDA'

Ralph has received a bundle of 'No to ASDA' notices from an unknown donor. The Society has no knowledge of any proposal for ASDA to come to Leegate but Charles will make enquiries of Lewisham Planning to try and clarify the position. We will report later if we receive any information. The feeling of the meeting was that any move to regenerate the Leegate site in such a way should be viewed optimistically.

Bulb Planting

Early in February Charles and Steve had a session when they planted lots of bulbs in various places in Effingham Road and on Burnt Ash Road. The planting was a little late but we hope we will be able to see the results before too long.

Attracting younger members

It has been pointed out to us that holding our meetings at 7.30pm in the evening is not convenient for all local residents e.g. those with children who need to be fed and put to bed! We are therefore considering the possibility of having some late morning sessions and would ask you to let us know what you think and if you would be able to attend a meeting at that time. Please do let us know – our email address is news@leemanorsociety.org. We really would like to encourage as many residents to come and discuss the Society's business

Mailing list and monthly Newsletter

Our email distribution is now approaching 300. The list has been built up over the years through personal contacts and is always used 'bcc' to preserve anonymity and we do not share the contents of the list with anyone. We do, however, like to forward items of possible interest on behalf of other local organizations. If you do not want to receive mailings, just email us and we will remove your name immediately. However, on a more positive note, we do like to stay in contact with friends and neighbours and so do please encourage them to 'sign up' with us – we shall be most grateful for the introduction. Our monthly Newsletter is delivered by volunteers, but is still costing us around £17 to print. If you feel you could do without the paper version and rely only on the e-mail version, do please let us know, thank you. news@leemanorsociety.org

We would like to thank Ralph and Ju for hosting the meeting