

LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30pm on 12th February 2014
at: 12 Micheldever Road. London SE12 8LX
Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm - refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 8th January 2014

Present: Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chair), David Plumer, Elisabeth Caulfield, Veronica Simmonds, Patti Byford, Chris Peters, Rita Craft, Sue Byford and Sheila Peck (Secretary)

Apologies: Jenny Lowen, Jim Mallory, Frances Migniuolo, Pauline Hatfield, Anne Fisher, Dan Griffin, Suki Picarda, Sylvia Ling and Lorraine Burton.

Leigate Update

Cllr. Jim Mallory has been chasing the St. Modwen representative but, to date, has had no response. A meeting of the Local Group has been arranged and we will report back at our meeting on 12 February.

2014 Diary Dates

We have provisionally agreed the 21st May for the Annual General Meeting and are making arrangements for the Annual Plant Mart. Please start thinking about donations of plants and other items which can be provided for sale at our annual fund raising event. A date for the Annual Social Evening is still under consideration and any suggestions for another new and interesting location will be welcomed.

Lewisham Council's proposed cuts to the Planning Budget

Charles has filed a Freedom of Information request to the council on behalf of the Society seeking to establish the numbers behind the proposed reduction in contact with Conservation groups and residents. FoI requests must normally be answered within 20 working days. We are asking:

- How many local (public) meetings have been held in each of the past five years and at what cost?
- How many times have Conservation societies raised objections to planning applications at planning sub-committee meetings and at what cost?

- What were the costs of writing to residents informing them of neighbours' planning applications?
- What was the cost of holding meetings of the Amenity Societies Panel?

We will discuss the response at our next meeting

Replacement of Parish Boundary Stone

We have previously reported that, due to concerns over pedestrian 'safety', Lewisham Traffic Department removed the remains of the Parish Boundary Stone which had been in Handen Road . We are currently consulting various Stone Masons who may be able to help make and install a replacement and intend to obtain costings with a view to submitting an application for Assembly Funding for a replacement stone. We appreciate that we will need to obtain formal consent for the replacement from the Traffic Department.

Blackheath Village Station

For general information, we are aware that further refurbishment is being carried out at Blackheath Station and this will mean that the Ticket Office will be temporarily moved to the Car Park at the rear.

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting