

# LEEMANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting -  
7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8RA**

*Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end at 9.00pm with refreshments afterwards.*

## Notes of our Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Present:** David Plumer, Mary Donovan, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Ralph White (Chairman), Sylvia Ling, Sue Byford, Gillian Deal and Sheila Peck (Secretary).  
**Apologies:** Charles Batchelor, Rita Craft, Frances Migniuolo

### Ice House

David P. told us about a book entitled 'Ice Houses' written by Tim Buxbaum and published by Shire Publications. The book gives information about Ice Houses all over the world including Kew and Mottingham but does not mention our Ice House in Manor House Gardens which is in fact a much better example than many. We all agreed that we should contact Tim Buxbaum and ask him to include the Manor House Gardens Ice House in any future new edition of his book. **Note added:** Letter composed and sent to Mr Buxbaum.

### Plant Mart – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 2 to 4pm

Our annual fundraising event for around 20 years! We discussed the final arrangements for the new layout and the setting up and hosting on the day. We are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather. A full report will be published after our next meeting on 12 June.

### Trees

Around 10 of us very much enjoyed the walk on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May which was led by David F. We strolled from Leegate to Manor House Gardens via Hedgley Street where the trees were in full bloom and looked really beautiful. David was able to identify all the trees *en route*. We noted some rogue weed sycamores which need to be removed and supports for young trees which need to be adjusted. We enjoyed a coffee in Pistachios Cafe in the Gardens after the walk and agreed we should arrange another walk later in the year which will extend to the Manor Lane area.

Charles is in discussion with the Friends of Manor House Gardens to identify and record the details of all the trees in the Gardens. The intention is to identify locations suitable for 'forest' trees which will be ideal for the Gardens, but which would be inappropriate for a domestic garden.

Charles and David will apply for funding for the planting of more trees in the Conservation Area. With the collapse of Assembly funding this will have to come from sources elsewhere.

## **Lewisham Planning Department Community Forum**

One unfortunate consequence of the Council cuts was the abandoning of the fortnightly 'Panel' meetings where Conservation Area representatives could meet with the planners and discuss proposed developments in sensitive areas. This system has been replaced by the Community Forum which meets every 6 months and takes a more strategic view of proposed developments.

The next meeting is on 13 June and the agenda covers *sic.*: The Heritage Strategy, The Characterisation Study, The Alterations and Extensions SPD, Neighbourhood Planning, Neighbourhood CIL, Transport Projects Update, Update on Enforcement (current priorities / last year's performance). It is difficult to see how we can do justice to these items in the time available, but we will contribute our best efforts on your behalf.

## **Bowring Sports Field Development**

Following our submission of objections to the application for the construction of a new International Academy of Greenwich Secondary School on the Bowring site we recently received a communication from SOMOL, a local residents' group, which also objected to the application. Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) Planning is currently in the process of determining whether the proposed development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It is believed the developers would be keen to avoid an EIA and have submitted a request to the RBG Planning Officer to find that an EIA is not needed, but SOMOL do not agree and asked LMS to support their objection. An EIA would be a good way to identify and examine some of the potentially adverse impacts of the proposed development, e.g. flood risk (especially in the Lampmead and Brightfield Roads and Hedgley Street areas), increased pollution and traffic levels. LMS agrees with SOMOL in particular about flooding and lodged its support to the suggestion that the proposed development be subject to an EIA. **Note added:** We regret to let you know that RBG Planning has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

## **Lee Green Assembly Meeting**

The next Assembly meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Trinity Church of England Secondary School, Taunton Road, SE12 8PD. The meeting will open at 7.00p.m.

**Note added:**

## **Healthy Neighbourhoods**

Lewisham and Lee Green (an area not completely contiguous with Lee Green Ward but certainly containing the Lee Manor Conservation Area), is the first area in the Borough to be studied in detail to find ways to make the neighbourhood greener, healthier and more attractive. From preparation work, residents have asked to reduce through traffic, improve air quality and make it easier to walk and cycle. The consultation process is already underway, and you can contribute by participating here: <https://streetbuilder.io/lewishamandleegreen>. However, be careful what you wish for ...

*We thank Ju White for hosting the meeting.*