

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Meeting
7.30pm on Wednesday, 13th October 2010
at: 105 Burnt Ash Road SE12 8RA

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

Notes of our Meeting on 8th September at 12 Micheldever Road

- Present:** Charles Batchelor (Chairman), Ralph White (Deputy Chairman), David Plumer, Sylvia Ling, Anita Whitfield, Elizabeth Caulfield, Paul Connolly, Steve Griffiths (Treasurer), Joelle Subra, John Robson, Nicolette Duckham and Sheila Peck (Secretary)
- Apologies:** Frank Linden, Faye Carney, Sue Byford, Andrea Breugelmanns, Jim Mallory, Jeremy Carden and Pauline Beck.

Open House London

As usual we will be opening the Ice House in Manor House Gardens for the annual 'Open House London' weekend - London's largest architectural showcase and a major initiative by Open-City, which is the new name for the organisation formerly known as Open House. The Ice House is open for three hours on both the Saturday and Sunday of the weekend and we anticipate our usual large number of visitors.

Stark Gallery Social

Preparations for our Annual Social are in hand and we have agreed to hold a raffle as a small fund raising event with prizes of a box of chocolates, a bottle of wine and a home made cake from Elizabeth.

Planning Matters

Burnt Ash Road - The Planning Department has followed up our complaint about inappropriately sited satellite dishes. We are hopeful that the enforcement officer will succeed in having them moved from their present positions and relocated so that they are less obtrusive e.g. behind chimney stacks.

69a Micheldever Road - formation of a hard standing and vehicular crossover: The Amenities Panel objected.

135 Taunton Road - replacement of existing wooden fence with a brick wall and wooden gate: The Panel approved the proposals subject to agreement on the quality of the materials to be used.

69 Brightfield Road - construction of an extension to the rear roof slope, installation of

roof lights to front roof slope and construction of a rear single storey extension: The Panel considered the roof extension to be too large and front roof lights unacceptable.

73a and 73b Effingham Road - installation of replacement uPVC windows in the front and rear elevations: The Panel objected to this proposal.

Northbrook (Trinity) School - minor material alterations to the approved scheme to include external security lighting, alterations to front entrance and east elevation access ramp, creation of a new fire door and relocation of tree planting. At the time of our meeting we had not had the opportunity to consider the plans in detail but, initially, felt that the proposals were acceptable.

Library Petition

We all signed the Blackheath library petition in support of the endangered libraries but agree that an imaginative approach is needed. One proposal is for the Blackheath library to relocate to the premises of Age Exchange. Alternatives include providing other revenue streams such as letting rooms and the provision of activities like Sure Start as has been introduced to the Manor House Library. Libraries are hugely used by local schools as well as local residents and any loss would have a negative effect on education and learning overall.

Society Funds

We are still looking for ideas to make best use of the funds raised at our Plant Mart, Annual Social Event etc. As mentioned last month, we are considering the possibility of another bench maybe from Riverwood where people with a learning disability make furniture by using driftwood from the River Thames (www.riverwood.org.uk) but does anyone have any other suggestions? We also confirmed our commitment to kick-start the Micheldever Road Community Garden Project.

Street Trees

We last year sought funding from the Locality Fund to restore the avenues of trees along Burnt Ash Road and Eltham Road but were unsuccessful. We recently put a proposal to Affinity Sutton (the residential social landlord which is behind the refurbishment of Leybridge Estate) to include the Eltham Road trees in their landscaping scheme. This suggestion has been passed to their landscaping team for consideration.

We will again submit an application to the Council for the replacement of lost street trees - but, we have had no success in the last two years. We would like to see tree replacement and are considering the possibility of an 'Adopt a Tree' scheme. We also intend to contact the Council with regard to the pollarding the over-large large lime trees in Micheldever Road.

The Community Centre, Leigate and Lee Green Lives

We would like to remind people to check the window display at The Community Centre (Unit 3 in Leigate) for information on activities taking place there. In particular we would encourage local residents to take the opportunity to have a cup of tea and a chat between 9.30am and 11.00 am on Monday mornings.

The Society will be represented at the next meeting with St. Modwyn and our new MP Heidi Alexander to discuss the future of Leigate,

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