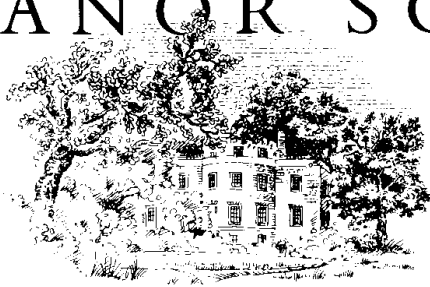


# LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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**Next Regular Meeting -  
7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
at: 12 Micheldever Road, London, SE12 8LX**

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

## **Notes of our Meeting on 9th February 2022**

**Present:** David Plumer, David Ford, Charles Batchelor, Mary Donovan, David Dannreuther, Barbara Bird, Veronica Simmons, Ralph White (Chairman), and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

**Apologies:** James Rathbone and Lorraine Burton.

### **Manor House Gardens Initiative**

Charles attended a meeting held by Friends of Manor House Gardens on 4<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting was chaired by Paul Lowndes the 'Friends' Chairman, and Mark Davy, Vice-Chairman. The aim appears to be to re-establish the Gardens as a hub for community activity and to engage Lee Manor Society and other local community groups in that endeavour. The 'Friends' Committee has been disappointed by the amount of litter left in the Gardens during its intensive use throughout the Covid lockdown and feels it is being neglected. They feel that working together would help with fund-raising for garden-related activities - including arts projects in what is Lewisham's 'Borough of Culture' year. It was suggested a Park Charter might be drawn up with a steering group meeting regularly to coordinate activities.

Whilst Lee Manor Society supports the idea behind this project, we feel that many local groups already liaise on matters of common interest (for example Leegate) and volunteers' time is limited. The Society already has a close connection with the Gardens through the Ice House which we restored and re-opened in 2000 and we also organise tree walks in the Gardens and surrounding streets twice yearly - the first of the walks is being planned for May.

## **Trees**

Former St Winifred's School Site in Effingham Road – The Project Manager for Street Trees for Living has advised that the S106 funds have been released with £5,000 being allocated to trees which could pay for 10 trees if local residents agree to take responsibility for 3 years upkeep after planting. If local residents don't take responsibility for the 3 years upkeep following planting, the overall maintenance cost of £290, which includes watering, will have to come from the £5,000. When the financial arrangements are agreed Street Trees for Living will report to the Council for release of the S106 funds. Street Trees for Living have suggested it may be appropriate to plant some of the trees at the new St. Winifred's site in Newstead Road but we are not sure there is sufficient pavement space there. The Little Elms Daycare Nursery in Manor Lane might also be considered.

Fernbrook Road Silver Birches – A homeowner in Fernbrook Road is concerned about the tall and overgrown Silver Birches in the road and has asked us for advice. David F has had a look and advises that the trees are extending into the overhead telegraph wires and need urgent pollarding: he has agreed to pursue the matter.

Burnt Ash Road tree avenue – Subject to formal approval by the Council, the Society has successfully bid for £3000 of NCIL money to enhance and repair sections of the avenue where trees are missing or damaged.

## **Ice House**

We will open this year from 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Open House this year will run from 8<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September which means the Ice House will be open on Sundays 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September. Dan will arrange the rota as usual.

## **Plant Mart**

We agreed that we would like to hold the Plant Mart this year on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Ralph will seek approval from the homeowners.

## **Planning**

10 Manor Lane – Construction of rear dormer extension and 2 front roof lights. As stated in our last Notes, we objected to this application. Charles attended the Planning meeting to confirm our objection but the Application was approved despite the Conservation Officer advising that it would erode the historic context of the property and the significance of the Conservation Area by diluting the character of the Area.

34 Manor Lane – Construction of rear dormer roof extension together with 2 front facing conservation roof lights and an outrigger roofslope roof light. We objected to this application but were invited to withdraw by the Planning Officer because of the decision at 10 Manor Lane.

*We thank Lee Green Community Centre for use of their premises*