

LEE MANOR SOCIETY



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Next Regular Meeting
7.30 pm on Wednesday 13 June 2018
at the Lee Green Lives Community Centre, Unit 3, Leegate (opposite Iceland)

Open to all residents in the area. Formalities end 9.00pm – d.i.y. refreshments afterwards

Notes of our Meeting on 9 May 2018

Present: Mary Donovan, David Ford, Veronica Simmons, Sue Byford, Vanessa Tinker, Patricia Byford, David Plumer, Frances Migniuolo, Charles Batchelor.

In attendance: Rachel Bowyer and Ana Sutherland (*Presenting ideas and plans for the New Tiger's head.*)

Apologies: Ralph White, Sheila Peck, Rita Craft, Lorraine Burton

In memorium: Members noted with sadness the death of Colin Clark, a long-time supporter of the Society who will be much missed. We send Terri our condolences at this time.

Introduction No Matters Arising and Minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2018 were accepted.

Update on plans for the Plant Mart and Spring Fair (25 May)

Charles ran through the arrangements in place for the event. Some members took posters to display. It was noted that the two big banners are to be displayed earlier this year (one week). Vanessa offered to make some cards with local views for sale at next year's event.

Agreed – A review of the event and lessons learned will be undertaken at the next monthly meeting on 13 June.

Proposed EGM to agree the change of the year-end date for LMS accounts to 31 July.

Charles referred to the information already circulated to members of the Committee and the requirement in the LMS Constitution for ten members of LMS to sign this request for an Extraordinary General meeting (EGM) to be held immediately before the next monthly meeting. Members present signed the form.

It was noted that the AGM would be held at the Library on Wednesday 19 Sept.
Action – Ralph to book the Baring Room at the Library and check that as usual there would be no cost for this meeting. (*note added: confirmed*)

General data protection regulation (GDPR)

Charles referred to information previously circulated about how the Society would comply with the requirements of the GDPR and the plan to migrate the data held on members (postal and email

addresses and/or telephone numbers) to a professional email system such as MailChimp, already used by sister organisations.

Action - The Chair would circulate the LMS Policy shortly (*note added - completed - see http://www.leemanorsociety.org/GDPR/LMS_GDPR.pdf*)

Presentation on plans to buy and develop the New Tigers Head

Rachel Bowyer and Ana Sutherland explained they were planning to talk to a number of local community organisations about their plans for the future of the new Tigers Head building. They explained that they hoped to interest a developer in buying the building from the current owner with a view to turning it into a type of arts centre where there was space for local creative people to work and hire and space for selling art/artisan craftwork and sharing skills as well as a café and space for meetings etc. It might be run as a social enterprise. They had talked with various local businesses and colleges who had expressed interest in supporting this type of centre. They said they were in the process of developing a business plan and showing how the transformation of the building could bring in sufficient income.

Members welcomed the idea of the building being brought back into better use and asked about keeping the character of it and whether transport links were good. The presenters said they wanted to preserve the character of the building and make it unique place that didn't tread on the toes of other providers in the area such as the Conservatoire and other cafes with space for art objects etc. They believed that transport links were good enough with buses and trains and that many would cycle and walk to use it.

When asked for examples of centres like this they referred to the Turk's Head in Wapping, the Peckham Levels and the Forge on the Isle of Dogs.

Charles thanked them for the presentation and requested they keep LMS informed about progress on the scheme.

Planning issues

Charles reported that he had been contacted by the Council's planning dept about an appeal against the council's refusal of an application to modify a telephone box in front of 115 Burnt Ash Rd as a digital advertising site. We have written to the planning inspectorate explaining our objection.

10 Manor Lane – we have objected to the design of the proposed rear ground floor extension as being out of keeping with the house.

111 Taunton Rd – we have objected to the design of a proposed large dormer on the rear roof slope as being too overbearing.

Any other business

Manor House library- formal opening – a number of members had attended this event which where the guest of honour was the outgoing Executive Mayor of Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock.

Former Post Office Sorting Office – David F. said the planning office had not responded to his concerns about poor maintenance of this locally listed building. He would pursue this.

Lewisham Characterisation meeting – Charles and David to attend.

Trees – David F. reported that most trees had been planted but that some had not and these would not be paid for by the Society.

Severndroog Castle event – David F had attended and people were informed that the project would be getting further funding.

We thank Charles for hosting the meeting.