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**Next Regular Meeting -
7.30pm on Wednesday 13th November 2019**

at:

**The Community Centre,
3 Leegate, London SE12 8SS**

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

Notes of our Meeting on 9th October 2019

Present: David Plumer, Barbara Bird, Charles Batchelor, David Ford, Mary Donovan, Veronica Simmonds, Sue Byford, Ralph White (Chairman), and Sheila Peck (Secretary).

Apologies: Sylvia Ling, Rita Craft and Suki Goldman.

Annual Accounts

Tree planting scheme – we are aware that some trees have been planted but we have not been invoiced for the work and Charles has agreed to look through the accounts to identify what is outstanding. We do have further funds for additional planting and the review will help us be specific about what we can do. One long-term project is to restore the avenue of trees along Burnt Ash Road (which are included in the Conservation Area) and push southwards towards Lee Station and beyond.

AGM

We had 18 attendees for our AGM this year which was again held in Manor House Library – our thanks to Simon Higgs and his staff for hosting the meeting. After presentation of the Annual Reports of the Chairman and Treasurer, all our existing Officers stood for office and were re-elected. Chairman :- Ralph White, Secretary :- Sheila Peck, and Treasurer :- Lorraine Burton. Charles offered to fill the vacant seat of Deputy Chairman and was elected as such.

Paul Browning (editor of the blog '[Running Past](#)) gave an excellent talk entitled 'Toffs, Toffees and Slavery – the story of Old Road' which was particularly appropriate for the location of the AGM in the Manor House Library. We always offer an honorarium to our Speaker and Paul asked us to donate to the [999 Club](#) on his behalf and this has been done..

Ice House

David pointed out that next year will be the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Ice House which agreed we should celebrate. Despite our many years of opening, we still regularly welcome local residents who have not previously viewed the Ice House. So far we have had 29,472 visitors which is an average of 108 per opening. This year we had 1,492 visitors.

We would like to make some renovations to the opening of the Ice House and the surrounding area. Ralph has submitted our suggestions to Glendale but has not yet had any response. One of the things we would like to do is to add some protection to the grill over the opening to prevent wildlife falling through the gaps as they are then unable to get out and do sometimes die. On several occasions we were able to rescue dozens of tiny toads (with just a few frogs which are easily distinguished) – obviously part of the large number seen in the Gardens in the spring of this year. Ralph agreed to chase Glendale for a response.

Tree Walk

The second Tree Walk on 5th October was very well attended and a great success. Charles and David guided 22 people around Manor House Gardens where they identified trees such as Rowan, London Plane, Holm Oak, Lime, Red Oak, Swamp Cypress and a Foxglove tree. More walks are planned for Spring and Autumn next year in a different but local area.

Planning matters

64 Handen Road:- Installation of replacement double glazed, timber framed, windows – the plans filed are illegible so we will ask for clear copies before commenting.

3 Southbrook Road:- Combination of existing lower ground and ground floor flats into one two-storey unit– we have no objection.

74 Handen Road:- Installation of permeable resin bond paving, a Victorian style path and 2 grass strips – there are no plans filed with this application so we will request plans before commenting.

Lee Green Assembly Meeting

We noted that the next Assembly meeting would be held on Wednesday 30th October at Trinity School, Taunton Road. One of the items to be discussed was the draft Healthy Neighbourhoods Plan which involves significant road closures in an attempt to reduce rat-running through the area.



Note added: Click [here](#) for a link to the draft plan presented at the meeting

Stop press - International Academy of Greenwich

We have recently heard that building of the school will not now go ahead on the former Bowring Sports Field.

We thank Barbara Bird for hosting the meeting.