



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

This Newsletter is intended to give a brief resume of the subjects covered at the AGM and to bring members up-to-date on the main issues currently before the Society.

The visiting speaker this year was Pat Ellender from Bromley Environmental Services, her subject was Rubbish and the very real problems created by:

- The ever increasing amount of refuse that has to be collected.
- The ever increasing costs of and potential problems caused by Landfill.
- The ever increasing number of EC directives limiting what can be done with different types of waste.
- The ever increasing emphasis on recycling, including government targets.

The problems are many and various. Items which even 10 years ago would have been mended or repaired are now thrown away. Materials which were biodegradable are nowadays replaced by plastics, which are not. The packaging of goods is becoming more sophisticated, which often means larger and more complex. And so on.

The solutions are not self-evident, but will probably be a combination of increasing the emphasis on recycling and incinerating the rest. However not all recycled materials are cheaper than the raw material and no one wants an incinerator near them. Not even a high tech one.

However those two approaches to the problem are the ones currently favoured by Bromley. The outlook for householders is that at some time we shall probably be asked to pre-sort our waste into categories such as; glass, metal (ferrous/non-ferrous), paper, plastic, compostables and other. A revolution indeed.

SOCIETY BUSINESS (AGM)

Election of Officers The Officers holding the posts of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor were all prepared to continue and were re-elected.

Subscriptions After discussion it was agreed to maintain the subscription at £5 per household, with senior citizens and unwaged making a contribution of between 5p and £5.

PLANNING

Unitary Development Plans (UDPs) Following a series of discussion papers and, in Bromley's case, several public meetings, both Bromley and Lewisham are expected to publish their Deposit Draft UDPs mid to late 1999. That will involve our Planning Officers in a considerable amount of reading and analysis. If it is then decided to object to any part of the UDPs, even more work will come their way.

LOCAL APPLICATIONS

Laundry Site, St Martins Rd/Station Rd The first application met with objections. A second application for 6 two bedroom flats was approved.

58/60 Coniston Rd A proposal for two houses at the rear of these properties was not proceeded with. A later application for one house was approved.

9 Spencer Rd A planning application has been submitted for 6 town houses on this site. We have written objecting because the living rooms of the new houses will overlook adjacent properties.

The Synagogue, Highland Rd A planning application has been submitted to demolish the existing building and construct a purpose designed synagogue in its place. The proposed building is no higher than the existing, but is deeper from front to back making it impossible to have any significant planting to partially obscure the structure from Farnaby Rd. However the architects have been careful to design the new building to avoid overlooking the Farnaby Rd. gardens. We have not objected to the proposals, but have been involved with the residents most affected and will continue to help as needed.

BECKENHAM PLACE PARK

Management Plan The revised Management Plan in its complete form will be considered by Lewisham's Leisure and Environmental Services Committee on 22nd

April. If approved it will become an integral part of any future management contract, together with the revised Planning Brief for the Park which as has been previously reported was fully supported by the Joint Working Party.

Summerhouse Field Lewisham have now re-introduced football and 2 pitches have been marked out. Pitches have also been marked out on the Common.

MILLENNIUM PROJECT

This is not progressing as quickly as Leslie Tucker had hoped. He had originally aimed to have completed designs and prices from several companies available for a decision at the AGM. Prices for the initial design were slow in arriving and except for one, those he had were above budget. He was now seeking re-quotes for a modified design.

However, discussions with the Council about fixing and responsibilities were progressing well. Bromley had agreed to fix and assume responsibility for the markers without charge. The relevant legal document was being discussed between Bromley's solicitor and our Hon Legal Advisor, Richard Thomas. Progress had also been made on outline arrangements for the unveiling and hand-over to Bromley. It was hoped that the Mayor would be available for the unveiling and Shortlands Golf Club had agreed the use of a room for a reception afterwards.

When sufficient progress has been achieved for decisions to be made, a special Newsletter will be produced describing the proposals and options and the matter will be the main subject at the following Members' Meeting.

THANKS

At the close of the AGM, the Chair formally recorded our thanks to Miss Frenkel for the continuing use of the facilities at the Bromley Court Hotel and to Quinny Lawrence for creating the layout and producing the masters for the Newsletters.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday, 6th May, Members' Meeting: 8.0pm, Bromley Court Hotel

Thursday, 1st July, Members' Meeting: 8.0pm, Bromley Court Hotel

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