

You don't know what you've got till it's gone...

Annual Report 2019/2020

# Leegate and how we began...

Lee Green Lives began as an idea in 2009, formed to get something done about Leegate, a shopping centre that had seen better days and to make sure local residents had a say in its future development. Owners St Modwen offered LGL an empty unit from which to organise local activities. We haven't stopped since, becoming a registered charity in 2011. St Modwen published plans to redevelop the site, approved by Lewisham Council in 2018, subsequently revising their proposals to increase the amount of housing and were on the verge of submitting plans when the Government announced its lockdown in March 2020.

The plans included a purpose-built community centre, with Lee Green Lives the preferred group to develop it.

Sustaining the existing organisations on site has been greatly helped by the formation of a revived Leegate Traders Forum, who worked hard to ensure their members were able to survive the pandemic. A big thank you is due to Hugh Ridsdill-Smith, who runs a small woodworks firm, for coordinating this group.



# Welcome to our Lee Green Lives Community Report

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# Jim Mallory, Lee Green Lives Chair



# Chair's Introduction: Covid-19 changed everything!

What a year it's been! Covid-19 has changed everything, making any report about 2019-20 almost redundant - faced as we are with an entirely different world. Indeed, this report of necessity covers how we have coped with that new environment and how we are attempting to face the future.

Last year, as we reported, Lee Green Lives shifted focus - concentrating on developing a strategy on the theme of "A stronger community is an engaged community" to meet the changing needs of our area. In that, we were supported by Lewisham Council and Clarion Housing as we surveyed local residents about their needs and aspirations. Our purpose was to adapt our activities and services according to our findings.

We also worked closely with other local groups in Lee Green Consortium, promoting and encouraging the spirit of local people that does so much to make Lee Green a great place in which to live and work.

Despite difficulties in sustaining our core funding, the future looked promising as we succeeded in attracting funding from Trust for London and Lewisham's Neighbourhood Community Development Partnership (NCDP), in the process reestablishing activities and starting new ones.

And then came the pandemic and lockdown. We had to close the centre in March, furlough our coordinator, Shirley Kirkland, and negotiate with funders a delay in implementing our programme.

Lockdown forced a rethink. Anticipating that any return would mean we would have to mix some direct provision within strict guidelines with a higher proportion of remote sessions. The gradual relaxation of lockdown enabled us to plan over the summer – first with a thorough Risk Assessment, then guidelines – temperature checks, sanitation measures, social distancing – all worked through with session leaders.

However, virtually all our service users wanted back. Loneliness and isolation, coupled with a lack of digital support, motivated their return. More sessions were needed to enable them to maintain safe distancing.

We're proud of what we had achieved, but, just as we looked like restoring and enhancing our programme, came the second lockdown. As we publish, we're uncertain of what the future will look like.

Many difficulties lie ahead, but we wouldn't have made it this far if it weren't for the efforts of Shirley Kirkland for staying the course and battling to help get us reopened, the trustees – in particular, Caroline Mayow and James Rathbone – the session leaders, Val Miller and other volunteers, and Stephanie Bennett Fraser and Roz Hardie for their contributions.

Whatever, we are determined that we will provide something - no matter what the shape. Otherwise, people won't know what they have got... until it's gone. Jim Mallory,

Chair, Lee Green Lives



# Coffee, cake and company: Lee Fair Share

This activity is hosted by our most long-standing partners, Lee Fair Share time bank and their coordinator, Lorraine Spenceley. The group helps local people – many of whom experience loneliness or isolation – make new friends while taking part in a range of activities, including quizzes, talks on issues such as keeping healthy and well, trips and reminiscence sessions. In March 2020, during the first period of lockdown when the Centre had to close, contact was maintained via a weekly newsletter with suggestions on how to stay well and active. Lorraine also kept in touch with members by phone, particularly those living on their own. Some members arranged to do shopping and delivered prescriptions for those that were isolating during the months of lockdown. In June, as the Centre was still unable to

open, the group began holding meet-ups outdoors in the nearby Edith Nesbitt Gardens. Seating was socially distanced and members enjoyed seeing each other again and continued on most Mondays through the summer until the Centre reopened in October.

Members of the group also enjoyed the annual trip in September, organised by Lee Fair Share, which this year went to Herne Bay.



# Computer class and publish your own book: Pat Coyne

Classes, with tutors Pat Coyne and Mark Serebriakoff, were well attended and were held regularly on Mondays, 10–12am, until lockdown in March. Attendees mostly wanted to know how use the computers to browse the Internet, watch streaming services and send and receive emails. A number also wanted to be able to do the same things on tablets or mobile phones.

Highlights of the last year were publications of books by two members of the class. Maureen Annette Russell published her second children's book, *The Four Elements and Their Friends*, with illustrations by local author, Laura Caiafa. Beverley Clarke, writing as Saffron Blue, produced her collection of poems, *Poetry in Motion*. Both were published under our own imprint, Lee Green Press, and are available on Amazon.



Maureen (L) and Beverley (R) with their publications

Classes started again in September. The computers have been arranged so that up to six people can attend with social distancing. They have been paused during the current lockdown but we hope to resume as soon as it is lifted.

LGL is part of community and for the community it's a place where everyone is welcome and can make new friendships with various activities.

# Healthy Exercise: Jean Lee

Our senior exercise group has been a very popular class with growing numbers each year. We have now had to split into 2/3 group sessions that consist of both men and women, ages ranging from 60 to our oldest member 93.

If you haven't exercised in a while, don't worry, our classes are focused on gentle exercise to help you to regain your fitness, strengthening your muscles, boosting your mood and energy levels, and your health and wellbeing.

It's wonderful to see each week everyone enjoying themselves as they exercise and sing along to old familiar songs. LGL is a fun place to be!

2020 has been the most challenging time for us all due to the Covid situation. Many changes have been made to control personal safety. This has required reducing to smaller group sessions, body temperature taking before entering, personal contact forms, social distancing marked out, face masks or visors to be worn and sanitising of hands and equipment before and after each session.

Although we have our new rules, we have still managed to keep everyone exercising and having fun in the safest possible conditions. Classes start 9.30am and 10.45 every Tuesday. We send a big thank you to everyone who helps support the classes and LGL staff.

# Reading and Writing (Adult Literacy): Alex Peach

The adult literacy classes at Lee Green Lives aim to help local people with reading and writing skills, and include a diverse cohort of learners with varying needs. According to research carried out by the National Literacy Trust, over 16% of adults in England can be described as having 'very poor literacy skills', known as functional illiteracy. Since most adults are reluctant to actively seek help for their literacy difficulties, classes such as ours offer a chance for adults to increase their self–esteem whilst enhancing their life skills through improved reading and writing. During the first half of 2019 our class went from strength to strength, providing a useful space for adults to gain confidence in the company of others, giving a sense of shared experience and mutual support.

Each learner has different needs and objectives, so I use my own initial assessments, alongside learners' own aims to diagnose areas to work on and to formulate loose learning plans. One or two learners demonstrate a high level of language ability but identify weaknesses such as comprehension of longer texts (say, when reading longer articles in newspapers) or have difficulty filling in forms. Others have an extremely low level of literacy, albeit while working in crucial roles with a high level of responsibility, for example in the care sector. For these learners I have used the Skills for Life pre-entry and entry level adult literacy curriculum to provide resources and ideas.

For more proficient learners I try to use contexts closely related to interests, hobbies and sometimes work-related needs. One learner needs to write short reports in the course of her working day, and she found activities which mirrored real-life tasks extremely helpful. Others enjoy reading and writing on contexts which interest them, and I provide learning materials which are lively and engaging. One aspect of the class worked extremely effectively when more able learners worked together with those with higher learning needs. This collaborative and supportive atmosphere engendered strong bonds between learners.

After a long break the class reopened on October 9th this year, with Covid-19 restrictions in place. Additionally, Pat Mahony volunteered to help with the class, and this has been highly successful. We have accommodated three learners (one with a carer present) and managed the environment so everyone can be confident to attend. We are currently closed again due to the current lockdown, but I am extremely optimistic that once restrictions end we can recommence classes and welcome more learners to the centre.



# Advocacy and Advice

# Support & Advocacy Service: Stephanie Bennett Fraser

"...an anchor when seas get really rough": feedback from a local resident who has used the Support and Advocacy Service, 2020

"Staff are amazing and supportive with a heart of gold " - Listening support provided plus supporting letter to GP to address longstanding depression

"Positive help and advice "
successful PIP appeal

"It has been hard for me but with the help of LGL, I feel better now "- successful PIP appeal

FEEDBACK 2019 - 2020 "The service has helped me with my wellbeing" support into emergency housing due to landlord intimidation and rampant damp

# "Wonderful service to support people"

successful ESA appeal and listening support

"Staff are very helpful and expert with support" - successful

PIP review and listening support to address social isolation and long term depression

# Service summary

Our Support and Advocacy Service has been running for 5 years now but some significant changes have taken place, both due to staff changes and of course, the ongoing worldwide health crisis.

As of November 2019, the service was running at full capacity but due to staff leaving to go onto other work opportunities, the service has been suspended since then. Before this, we applied for and were subsequently awarded generous funding from Trust for London and we are currently looking at recruiting a new sessional worker to manage the service.

We anticipate that once operational again, the service can be run on the basis of a combination of Zoom support and occasional in-house sessions, depending on the government restrictions on face to face interactions.

Please also see the appendix to this report which includes detailed data on the service.

The service offers pre-booked appointments to local residents on Tuesdays, from 11.30am to 4.30 pm. If anyone attends the centre in immediate need of support, we will always try to offer support as soon as we can. We have also been regularly supporting people attending LGL activities, as well.

The service remit is to support any resident experiencing a crisis that is affecting their wellbeing and our aim is to address social isolation, to ensure that people's problems do not become acute and unmanageable.

Addressing issues, such as debt, health or food poverty, early on or as soon as they occur can mean the difference between someone remaining in their home and not becoming homeless; finding support instead of making an attempt to take your life; or identifying ways of using a very restricted income more efficiently.

The service is run by one sessional worker, who manages cases and an outreach worker, who assesses cases or directly signposts residents to appropriate services.

# **Funding**

Last year, we were awarded funding by Trust for London and also additional funding from Clarion, a local social housing provider.

Trust for London has kindly given us time to re-organise our service due to the need to recruit staff, as well as adapt the service due to the current pandemic.

Without this generous support, we would not be able to run this much need community-based project.

# Service overview

- Total number of individuals support from 1 April 2019 –19th November 2020
   : 60
- Total number of individual support sessions at LGL from 1 April 2019 –19<sup>th</sup>
   November 2020: 237
- Average of people supported per week: **8.7** per week

This is an increase of almost 2 more people supported per week, as compared with the last financial year (7.27 per week)

These sessions ranged from multiple visits due to complex or additional issues (9) to one-off sessions (28) where we resolved the matter or the person was signposted to a specialist service.

The average number of visits per person is 4

We also see some people regularly (7), as they use the centre to address social isolation and we will always try to ensure that we check in weekly with these residents to see how they are faring and whether they have any issues we might need to tackle together.

# **Demographics**

The majority of people we see live vey locally in the SE12 area but due to **Advice Lewisham** referring people from across the borough, we are now seeing people from a wider area.

We support a lot of older people, the majority being over 50 and presenting with issues that derive from chronic health issues - both physical and / or mental health.

We have supported a number of residents experiencing serious complex issues that are compromising their safety and long-term wellbeing this year. With all such cases, we liaise with social services because we have a *duty of care* to all the people we see.

We offered **98.3**% of residents listening support to help them make sense of the crisis they were experiencing.

91% of the people we supported were experiencing social isolation and we have seen an increase in people who have been experiencing: a close bereavement that has affected their wellbeing, relationship problems.

We have also supported an increasing number of people who have sought support around relationship and divorce issues, to help them work out the options they

have and generally discuss how they are feeling. There has also been a noted increase in parents presenting with domestic abuse from adult family members.

# Hardship fund

Our **Hardship Fund** is funded by kind donations for the support residents have received as well as community centre photocopying services (we charge 5p per page to residents, unless they are being directly supported by the Support and Advocacy service).

The Lee Green Lives Hardship Fund helps us give small one-off payments to people experiencing extreme financial problems; such as, a bus fare to the Foodbank, Job Centre or attending an assessment for PIP; sending Recorded Delivery letters for benefit appeals.

# A letter of thanks from a resident who has used the service:

"I have been in need of advocacy support and advice for a few years now as my circumstances have been very difficult. The service staff offer is invaluable in ensuring I have accessed my entitlements and help in so many other ways from developing confidence in my creativity, getting involved locally and being able to find emergency support and counselling. This sounds like any other service but in my experience, it is rare to find this kind of support, knowledge and understanding, particularly when you hit a crisis.

Without Leegate Community Centre (Lee Green Lives) services and the Lewisham Wellbeing Team I may not have survived the last few years (particularly the Covid nightmare) and may have ended up spiralling further and further downwards. Many people take for granted how important it is to have an anchor when seas get really rough. It doesn't just make a difference it makes all the difference.

Sometimes just a welcome chat is all that is needed, and other times practical and expert support and advice: staff offer both. Even though the community centre is small and understated, the team are committed to delivering tailored support as if they were a much bigger resource. "

# Co-ordinator (Community Development and Outreach) Shirley Kirkland

Lee Green Lives in partnership with Clarion Futures has focused on engagement of Clarion residents in the Lee Green Ward, in order to deliver projects, activities and events based on their feedback.

A survey "Make Lee Green Better" was carried out (October-December 2019) mainly through door to door conversations, and some responded online. A full survey report is available on request.

# Leybridge Court Engagement Summary

Leybridge Court residents plus Merridale, Rose Way, and Silk Close were engaged with via the survey and individual conversations, doorknocking through October to December 2019

All residents were given information on activities at LGL community centre and were also asked questions around:

- Community activities ideas and suggestions
- Willingness to travel short distances to attend activities/events
- Issues/ Concerns/ Sign Posting and Referrals
- Volunteering opportunities at LGL (i.e. supporting events, activities
- Interest in forming or attending a residents' group

Overview: respondents were interested in:

- Activities for Young People, Activities for Under 5s
- Activities for Older People to reduce isolation
- Annual Fun Days on the estate
- Advocacy & Advice Services
- Many participants willing to travel short distances for activities/events
- Concerns around anti-social behaviour on Leybridge estate
- Numerous conversations around Clarion and disrepair
- Language classes
- Money advice/ benefits advice
- Community Newsletter or podcast for the estate

# Recommendations arising from the engagement

Projects, activities and events for young people will help to combat some of the anti-social behaviour that occurs on the Leybridge estate. There were concerns

from residents of all ages about the lack of activities for young people and children. Potentially we'd hope to see a part time qualified detached youth worker who could understand the issues and help resolve antisocial behaviour through activities or signposting to services for young people.

A Clarion Partnership Day to raise awareness and increase the profile of Clarion Futures so residents can get to know their landlord and know how they can get in touch to solve some of the issues they experience such as chronic disrepair and antisocial behaviour which affects residents mental well-being. The day, which was planned for early summer 2020, had to be postponed but is expected to take place once public health guidance permits. It aim was also to provide information on services and groups in Lee Green Lives and the local area. A regular newsletter in some form would improve communication.

Annual Fun Days – such as that held in August 2019 – with local partners could provide an opportunity for residents to get to know each other and spend time together.

### **Newstead Estate Engagement Summary**

On Wildwood Close, Stoney Croft and Burnt Ash Hill.

At activities at 33 Wildwood Close (tenants' hub) digital inclusion sessions and Coffee morning residents were asked questions around:

- Community activities targeting older people. Walking Group, Seated Exercise, Eat Well cookery club, first aid.
- Issues and concerns of resident which were signposted or referred.
- Volunteering opportunities within NEAA (i.e. supporting events and activities at the hub)
- Interested in attending residents' group

About half of residents involved expressed interest in activities such as Digital Inclusion, Walking Group, Seated Exercise, Cookery Club, Volunteering. Sessions were planned to support these activities but were postponed due to the lockdown.

### Lee Green Lives recommendations

Due to the sad and unexpected death of Lorraine Ogundiran, Chair of NEAA 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and the advent of the Coronavirus (COVID -19) the community engagement had to be halted due to a directive from local government to stop all face to face contact and the subsequent lockdown.



# Roz Hardie, Co-ordinator (Business Development)

Roz left Lee Green Lives at the end of the calendar year 2019, having worked hard on rejuvenating our communications and administrative capacity, so that we have benefitted from much greater clarity on policies in all areas of the work.

She had looked in particular at improving access to information and confidentiality, and consolidating health and safety standards. She had helped to Council's best practice. She had helped to support the trustees to develop LGL's approach to safeguarding, and our business planning. We now have a business plan and safeguarding procedures in line with Council's best practice.

Lee Green Lives website was revitalised and our social media presence developed, and Clarion sponsored Digital Inclusion sessions were set up with CAS Solutions.

A close contact with Abbey Manor College resulted in their production of a 'London Mural' on one of the internal walls, and is now a striking addition to the main room. Thank you Roz for all your work, now continuing at the other end of the borough in Downham.

In particular, Ros did a lot of the supporting work for the Main Grant to Lewisham Council, and led in developing the bids to Trust for London and Lewisham's Neighbourhood Community Development Partnership (NCDP) that successfully gained three years' and one year's funding, respectively. Activities to be funded include: Advocacy & Advice, Reading & Writing (Literacy), Healthy Exercises, Coffee & Chat, Men's Health, and Crafts (Sewing).



# Lee Green Consortium: working together

# Members of the Consortium

Friends of Manor House Gardens; Lee Green Lives (LGL); Lee Manor Society; Users and Friends of Manor House Library; Friends and Users of Staplehurst Shops (FUSS); Lee Fair Share Time Bank; Lee Forum; Lee Green Open Studios; Lee Green Women's Institute; Lee Manor Community Garden; Lee Oasis; Lochaber Hall Association; Manor House Library; Manor Park Friends; Newstead Tenants and Residents Association; Soul Refresh Cafe.

# Consortium plans and events in 2019/20: Frances Mignuolo

The Quiz Night on Oct 25 2019 was organised by Lee Fair Share and Lee Manor Society. This was to be the first of a series of joint fundraising events organised by the Consortium with support from the Centre. The Quiz was very successful in raising funds for both organisations and was well attended by other members of the Consortium. Local shops and cafes contributed prizes for a big raffle. It was a very successful community event with more than 12 teams from different local groups competing keenly to win the quiz prizes.

Two events, the Community Fun Day August 24 2019 at Leybridge Court, organised with the support of Clarion Housing, and the Community Showcase July 15 2019 in Manor House Gardens were well supported by Lee Fair Share and other Consortium members.





Consortium members also participated in the FUSS Xmas Fair 2019, which went really well, with lots of local involvement.

# **Consortium Joint Training plans**

In February 2020 we attended a training session at Lewisham Local. One of the urgent issues for us all was how to recruit more volunteers. Lewisham Local was offering training on this topic and three members of the Consortium attended, followed by visits to Saturday morning recruitment sessions at Lewisham central Library, where voluntary groups set up stalls on volunteering. A start was made by the Consortium on plans for similar recruitment sessions at Manor House Library where experienced volunteers could talk with others interested in volunteering. We were hoping to fund raise for and establish a post for a Volunteer Organiser. Sadly, these initiatives were put on hold with the start of the Covid lockdown which soon followed in March.

# Our vision

Our vision is for a safer, stronger and more cohesive community with opportunities for self-development and growth accessible to all.

# Our mission

We aim to offer opportunities, advice and support for local people to work, play, think and learn together, and to address economic and social disadvantage for mutual benefit, health and well-being.

# Our goals

- To provide activities for the benefit of local people, especially the elderly, young people and people experiencing social or economic disadvantage with a focus on wellbeing, health, mental health, learning and opportunities to socialise
- To help local people to overcome difficulties with housing, health or lack of income
- To sustain a community centre at Leegate with the active participation of local volunteers
- To support the work of other local groups and organisations and to work in partnership through the Lee Green Consortium
- To contribute to the cohesion of the local community
- To advocate for the needs of local people and assist them to influence decisions that affect their lives or community

# **Our values**

Our values are at the heart of everything we do. We aim to work in ways that are:

- Welcoming we want everyone who comes to the centre to feel welcome and valued
- Inclusive our activities are for everyone from the local community
- User-led we encourage our volunteers and people using our services to help us design, develop and improve what we do
- Collaborative wherever possible we work in partnership to improve outcomes for local people



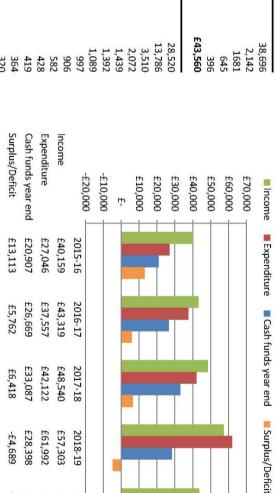
# (UNAUDITED) Lee Green Lives Financial Accounts - April 2019 to March 2020

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| £15,176                | £28,398                  | -£13,222               | £56,782           | 45                        | 58                  | 125                                      | 202           | 211   | 317                      | 320                 | 364                   | 419              | 428                   | 582                              | 906                 | 997                  | 1,089       | 1,392     | 1,439         | 2,072          | 3,510 | 13,786          | 28,520       | £43 £60      | 396      | 645                    | 1681                | 2,142             | 38,696 |
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deficits for two successive years. This is a structural deficit relating to staffing costs. £13,000. This was largely due to a final instalment of £8,460 being received from Clarion Futures line with the previous financial year. Nevertheless Lee Green Lives (LGL) has now had substantial after the end of the financial year. If this instalment is considered the deficit is less than £5,000, in During the 2019-20 financial year expenditure significantly exceeded income with a deficit of over

to extend this to the end of 2021-22. LGL's grant funding from Lewisham Council will expire at this and reserves to operate until the end of the financial year 2020-21, and is bidding for grant funding grown significantly, mitigated via use of the HMRC Job Retention Scheme. LGL has sufficient income point with minimal prospect of renewal due to government imposed cuts. renewal of LGL's grant funding with Clarion Futures. As a result of this our structural deficit has Due to the emergence of the Coronavirus pandemic in early 2020 it was not possible to agree a



# Lee Green Lives Trustees 2019–20

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# Lee Green Lives - Activities and services Programme 2020-21

# **Existing programme**

Activities were being provided when the community centre went into lockdown because of the Covid-19 epidemic. Sessions have resumed, beginning in the second week September.

# Coffee & Chat - every Monday, 1.30pm and 3pm; every Thursday 1.30pm

Run by Lee Fair Share. Conversation, refreshments and activities to overcome loneliness and isolation, making friends in the process. Have held outdoor sessions since August in nearby Edith Nesbit Gardens; started in centre on 5 October.

*Funder:* Various, including Awards for All, Neighbourhood Community Development Partnership (NCDP)

**Session leader:** Lorraine Spenceley

# Computer classes - every Monday, 10am

Improve and/or learn skills in using computers. Also support in publishing your own work. Started on 7 September. *Funder:* none, provided by volunteers. *Session leader:* Pat Coyne

# Healthy exercises - every Tuesday, 9.30am and 11am

Keep fit to music with gentle exercises. Two sessions started on 8 September.

Funder: NCDP Session leader: Jean Lee

# New or restored programme

Most of the activities and services, below, have been provided in the past but ceased due to loss of funding. A few others are new. All will receive funding. Plans to start these will depend on outreach and finalising how they are provided, making use where appropriate of remote facilities. Most started in October.

### Advocacy and advice (to come)

Help and information for people having difficulties with benefits, housing, employment or other issues. Includes support for people with related mental health problems.

Funder: Trust for London Session leader: job advert out on 2 October.

# Reading and Writing - every Friday, 11am

Literacy skills for people who find it difficult to read or write. Started November.

Funder: Trust for London Session leader: Alex Peach

Arts & Crafts (Sewing) - every Thursday, 11am Learn or improve your skills while making new friends. Was scheduled to start in November. Funder: NCDP Session leader: Nikki Bailey

### Men's Group

Run by Blue Ribbon. Activities for men with mental health issues. Outreach began September *Funder:* NCDP *Session leader:* Trevor Pybus



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