

# Depot Cinema

**Address:** Depot, Pinwell Rd, Lewes, BN7 2JS

**Type:** ?Community cinema and restaurant adapted from brewery warehouse

**Age:** ?Adaptation and expansion of 1930s building?

**Walls:** ?solid brickwork lined with insulation

## Book Tour

Saturday 15th October [1]

## Features

Ground Source heat pump

Green Roof

Solar PV ?

High efficiency double glazing with solar screening

Underfloor heating

## Summary

The Depot is a community cinema being developed on the site of what used to be a depot for Harveys Brewery, hence the name. This inspired project is being made possible by the support of film enthusiast Robert Senior and the management and direction of Carmen Slijpen.

The attractive old frontage is familiar to twonsfolk and it was decided to retain this shell, although ground levels have had to be raised 800mm as defence against flooding. Whilst keeping the appearance, the walls and roof will be highly insulated and the floor will have underfloor heating and cooling, driven by a 90 kW ground sourced heat pump which extracts heat from 12 deep boreholes.

A garden courtyard will also be created, with a new restaurant and coffee shop facing onto it, together with education facilities and an editing suite for filmmakers. The new extension will have a green roof and dramatic floor to ceiling double glazed windows, reducing heat loss in winter with solar reflective coating to prevent overheating in summer.

This exciting build is primarily a community resource and will provide three screens in the new auditorium to show not only current releases, but also having the flexibility to show classics and other films of interest. The opening date is expected to be spring/summer 2017.

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**Links:**

[1] <http://lewesecoopenhouses.org.uk/booking#TheDepot15th>