Sylvania Environment and Community Project  
Committee Meeting  
16th April 2013.

Present:  Gareth, Thelma, Susanne, Paul, Sue.  
Apologies:  Pat, Suzi.

Matters arising from general meeting 5th March 2013:  
Susanne contacted Cooksleys regarding the neglected garden of  
the house to be let in Plassey Close and they agreed to contact  
the owner. Gareth has had a report from the neighbour who  
reported her concerns to say that the work has been carried out.

Finance report:  
Paul presented bank printouts for the meeting and he will obtain  
these for all future meetings.  
Current Account:  £478.01  
Reserve Account:  £1050.63  
There are no outstanding deposits.  
All accounts have been paid.  
The £500 has finally been received from the Charitable Trust.

Progress to date:  
- Grant applications – no grant applications awaiting as we  
have no specific focus at present. We are going to apply for  
£300 from ECC for signage and protection for the Jubilee Oak.
- Open Spaces Charitable Trust have given us the £500 that  
we asked for.
- Open Space Awards – we through to the 2nd round. Paul  
Faulkner suggested that we apply for this award.
- Recent work – Paul Howe has completed the clearing work  
agreed at the previous meeting and all preparation work is  
completed. Plassey Close clearance has been completed.  
Brambles at the end of the path have been dealt with.
- Signage – we now have the wood from the Ivybridge  
Academy. The sign will be “rustic”. There will be one sign by  
the zig-zag path, a small sign in Linnet Close, a small sign in  
Plassey Close.
Should we have an information board listing plants etc.? This  
maybe too formal, information is on the website if people are  
interested. When we plant bulbs, seeds etc. we could put  
signs with the names of the plants. Could put a factsheet on  
the website that people could print if they wished.
Planting/Bat box making day – bulbs may not be here by planting day because of the weather we have had which has delayed the bulbs. We have seeds for different areas, Susanne will identify them and pack them for each area. Meeting at 10am at Linnet Close.

Bat box making – we have 3 workmates and 3 bat box kits for the children to assemble. When they are put up it is important to position them in groups and facing in the correct direction and as high as possible. They will be put up near the stream.

The bird boxes are starting to be used by the Blue Tits.

Ways Forward:

- Annual picnic – 30th June identified as a suitable date. Thelma will compile a Treasure Hunt for the children, Paul will do a quiz of 30 questions for the adults. We could provide cakes and people bring their own drinks.
- It was suggested that we should invite Paul Faulkner to come and see our progress to date and invite him to the AGM on Tuesday 2nd September 2013. Susanne will invite him.
- New committee members – there are 2 people from Plassey Close that we could invite onto the committee, they have shown an interest and have turned up on work days. Gareth will approach them in the next few days.

Matters Arising at the discretion of the Chair:

1. Thelma brought up the state of the path from the stream path to Mayflower Avenue, it is in quite a state. To invite Paul Faulkner to inspect it. It is not on our land.
2. Stream needs checking as it may be being fouled. South West Water or the Environment Agency to be contacted.
3. Susanne has received a Thank You letter from Percy Prowse for showing him around on the last planting day.

Next meeting Tuesday 11th June at Paul’s house – 41 Mayflower Avenue.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.