Sylvania Environment & Community Project

General Meeting

5th March 2013

Gareth Thomas, Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to explain the work taking place the following Saturday and the general work around the area, also to explain a little about the grants.

Grants – Susanne McLoughlin

- SECP has received £2,500 from Cllr Percy Prowse, from his DCC locality budget, for clearing ground ready for tree planting – this work is going on now ready for Saturday and will also take place next Monday & Tuesday in Plassey Close clearing the brambles.
- £600 in two separate grants has been received from ECC also for clearing brambles at the bottom of Linnet Close ready for planting in November. The hazels are being coppiced to promote growth lower down. The big bramble patch at the end of the path will be left but maintained to encourage wildlife.
- Waitrose have given us £500 for 4 larger trees which will be planted on Saturday. They have also been very generous with donating refreshments on the two planting days and staff members have given their time.

Treasurer – given apologies.

Accounts as follows:

- Business Current Account: £782.67
- Business Reserve Account: £2530.49

Planting Day

Meeting at 9.15am at 16 Linnet close to move trees and compost to the right places.

Emily Stallworthy, Devon Wildlife Trust, will bring some more whips (very small trees) to plant at the bottom of Plassey Close.
The 4 Waitrose trees will be planted throughout the area – Plassey/Linnet. Wildflower seeds will be scattered along the stream bank and Plassey Close. Bulbs will be planted in March/April. At 10am Waitrose “partners” are coming to do their community work. They will present us with their cheque for £500. Emily will show them how to plant their trees. Exeter University Students will also be coming along to volunteer. Emily will then remind us how to plant the whips. 12 noon Cllrs Percy Prowse & Jake Donovan will come in their official capacity, they will present us with some plants and we will officially thank them for the Grants we have received. Waitrose are once again providing soup & bread for lunch. During the day there will be general tidying of the area. We will need to keep an eye on the 4 larger trees if we have very dry weather!!!!!

AOB

- Gareth made a plea for someone from Plassey Close to be on the committee, all other areas are represented.
- We are looking at signage for the area so that those who use the pathways appreciate the work being carried out.
- There is a rented house at the top of Plassey Close where the garden has become very neglected, can anything be done about it? Susanne is going to contact Cooksleys who are the agents concerned.

Meeting closed, those present invited to look at the plans.