11 people were in attendance

Apologies from: Paul Kennard, Thelma Otton & Sheila Hobden

Gareth Thomas – Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the committee members present.
He explained that we are required to hold an AGM.

The Annual Report was circulated (this is on the SECP website) everyone read the report, there were no questions.

The Constitution (on website) needs to be agreed at the AGM, due to the low number of people present it was informally adopted.

The committee – all the present members of the committee are willing to stand again. The committee were elected unopposed. Roles will be assigned at the first meeting.

Ways forward – Health & Safety work and phase 1 has been completed, phase 2 is mainly based around the stream and the ditch.
We have 3 quotes for the work required to clear the areas to be planted.

Emily Stallworthy, Devon Wildlife Trust spoke about the planting programme. There are areas where trees have been removed which is important for wildlife and tree management, now we will be planting trees, bulbs and flowers in sympathy with the area. This work will open up some of the areas. The work will take some time, possibly up to 2 years.

Future events
Autumn clear up 12/13th October the clear up in the Spring was very successful. Not only did residents get together to work on the area but they also met neighbours that they had never met before. It is hoped that the Autumn clear up will be as successful. There will also be bat box making on this weekend.

Planting weekend 17/18th November – it is hoped that this will make a statement – we started with removal of trees and is ending with planting/restoration.

A question was raised about clearing the leaves from the pathways - this is the job of the DCC.
Grants - these are listed in the annual report
We will continue to apply to the appropriate authorities/groups for grants.
We have also been in touch with various people for volunteers to help with the work.

Questions from the floor –

What is the charitable trust’s input into the project?
The charitable trust offered £500 towards the essential work, after some debate the committee accepted this amount without prejudice, we have yet to see the money!

Susanne reminded everyone that if they see any problems in the area to report it to one of the committee, contact can be made in person or through the website - https://sites.google.com/site/sylvaniaecp/home

The next AGM will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in September 2013.