**Item 15 - Tree Thinning and Felling on Beechwood (8 minute slot)**

**Lead Councillor – Mike Mann**

Tree work is underway in Beachwood.  It’s a mixture of thinning and felling.

Andrew  Hancock ( owner of tree surgeon company ) has confirmed that all work has been approved by SLDC Planning/the tree inspector and is consistent with the longer term plan he presented to APC last year.  Andrew Hancock is willing to come talk to the Council again if we think it’s appropriate.

He also offered his guidance and help (Free of charge) with any tree management we have.

The big ivy on one of the pine trees has been severed; probably the right thing to do however, Andrew has been asked to consult with APC before taking action on our land in future.

**Thoughts / conclusions / recommendations for consideration by Council:**

* SLDC/ Trees Surgeons are probably doing the right things and, assuming it’s all in line with the approved plans, it’s not really any cause for concern.
* APC should take Andrew up on his offer of free help and guidance on overall tree management and share our inventory / plan with him.
* APC should engage with him as part of the work underway by the Working Group on the wild flower pilot in Beachwood. The thinning is probably going to help promote plant growth.
* APC should consider inviting the tree surgeon to a future APC meeting
* Consideration to ensure that any new arrangements do not conflict with current contracts and relationships (MM to liaise with CC)