



# Selston Community Plan –November 2019

## Community Events: Engagement Report

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# Selsdon Community Plan Engagement – Priorities and Options

## I. About this report

This report summarises the findings of two community events that were held in November 2019, to start to develop the Selsdon Community Plan. The information boards from these events can be viewed as an attachment on this page.

## II. What is the Selsdon Community Plan (SCP)?

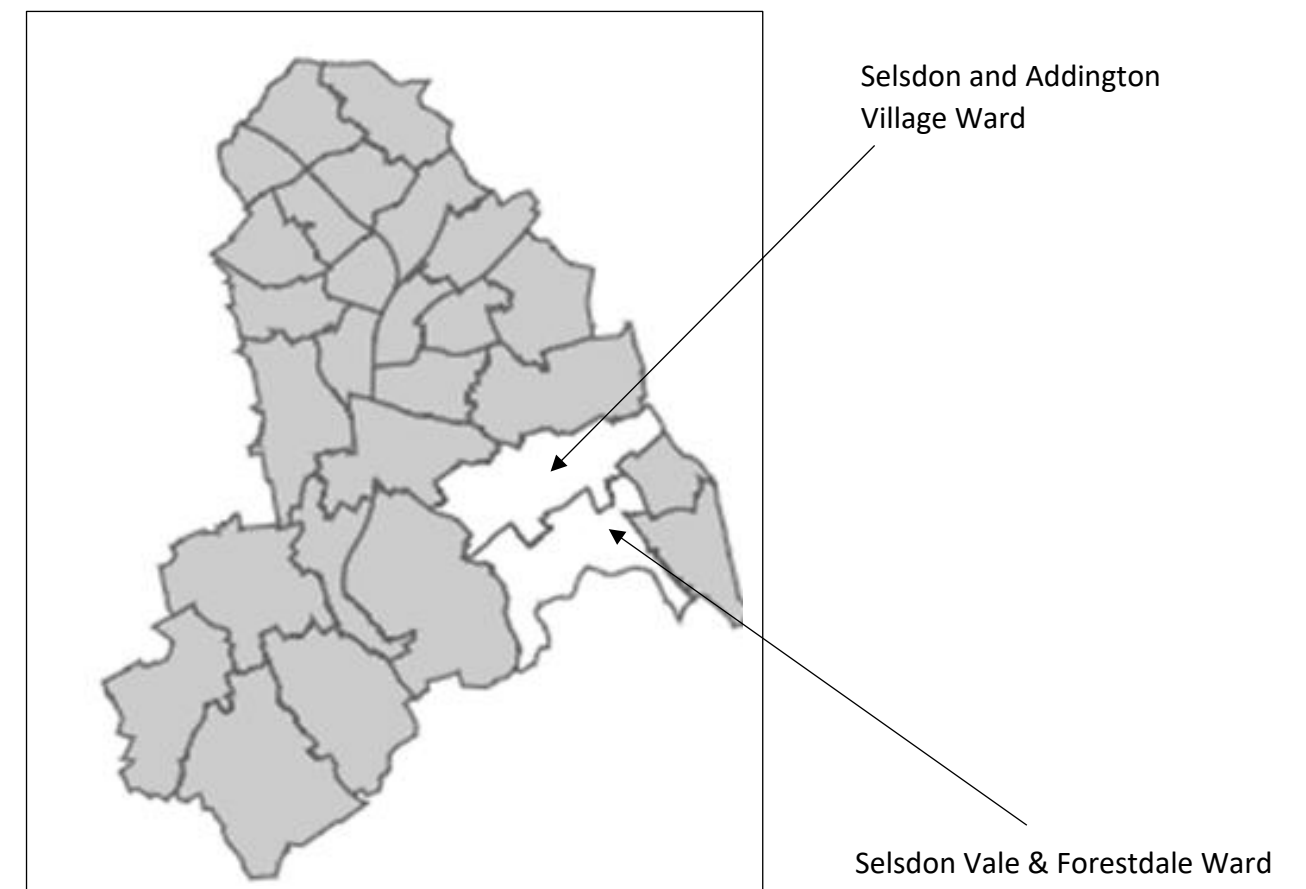
The **Selsdon Community Plan (SCP)** (2020 – 2025) aims to identify the community’s priorities for investment in community infrastructure and services aiming to **change the Selsdon Community for the better by:-**

- Building a pleasant, modern, healthy environment respectful of our heritage, fit for our future
- Nurturing sustainable local businesses to secure high quality jobs for local people
- Creating a connected, collaborative, welcoming community of which residents are proud

The SCP is being led by a team made up local groups, churches, ward councillors, Croydon Council, local businesses and schools.



Selsdon Area Map



Selsdon Ward Map

The plan includes the local centres of Addington Village, Forestdale and Selsdon high street.



### III. Engagement so far

To gather initial feedback from the community about their priorities for improving Selsdon, the SCP Steering Group held two events on 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 which were attended by approximately 600 people. People were asked to leave their comments on boards with the following topics::

- What do you Like and What would you Improve about Selsdon?
- 'Quick Win' Project Ideas that can be delivered in the next 18 months
- Transport and Streetscape
- Youth and Community
- Greening & Local Open Spaces
- Jobs, Training and Business
- Health, Wellbeing and Sports
- Culture, Restaurants and Entertainment
- Engagement statistics

The findings are set out in Section 2.

### IV. Future Engagement Next Steps

We now want to hear from as many people as possible and have launched an online survey closing 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

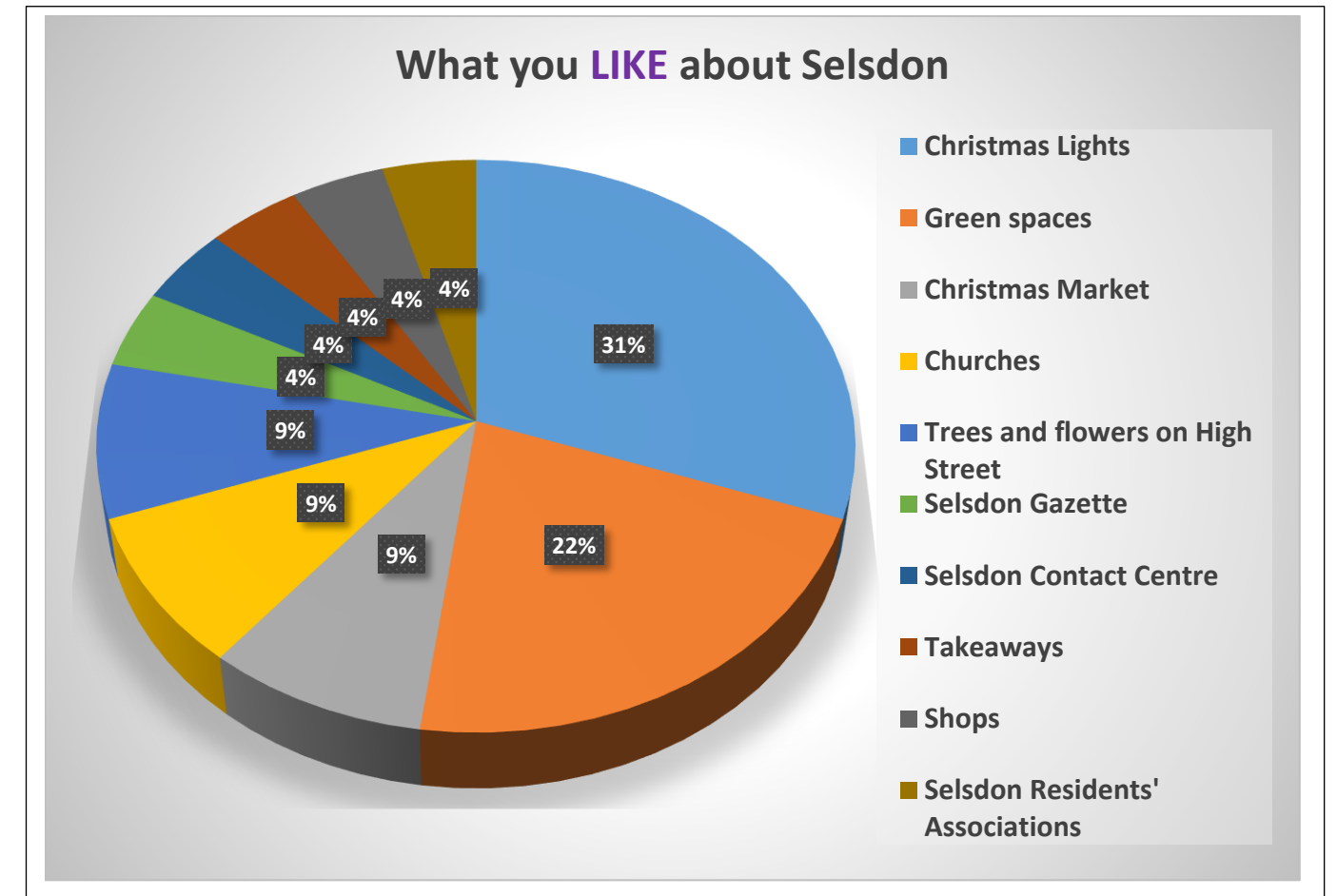
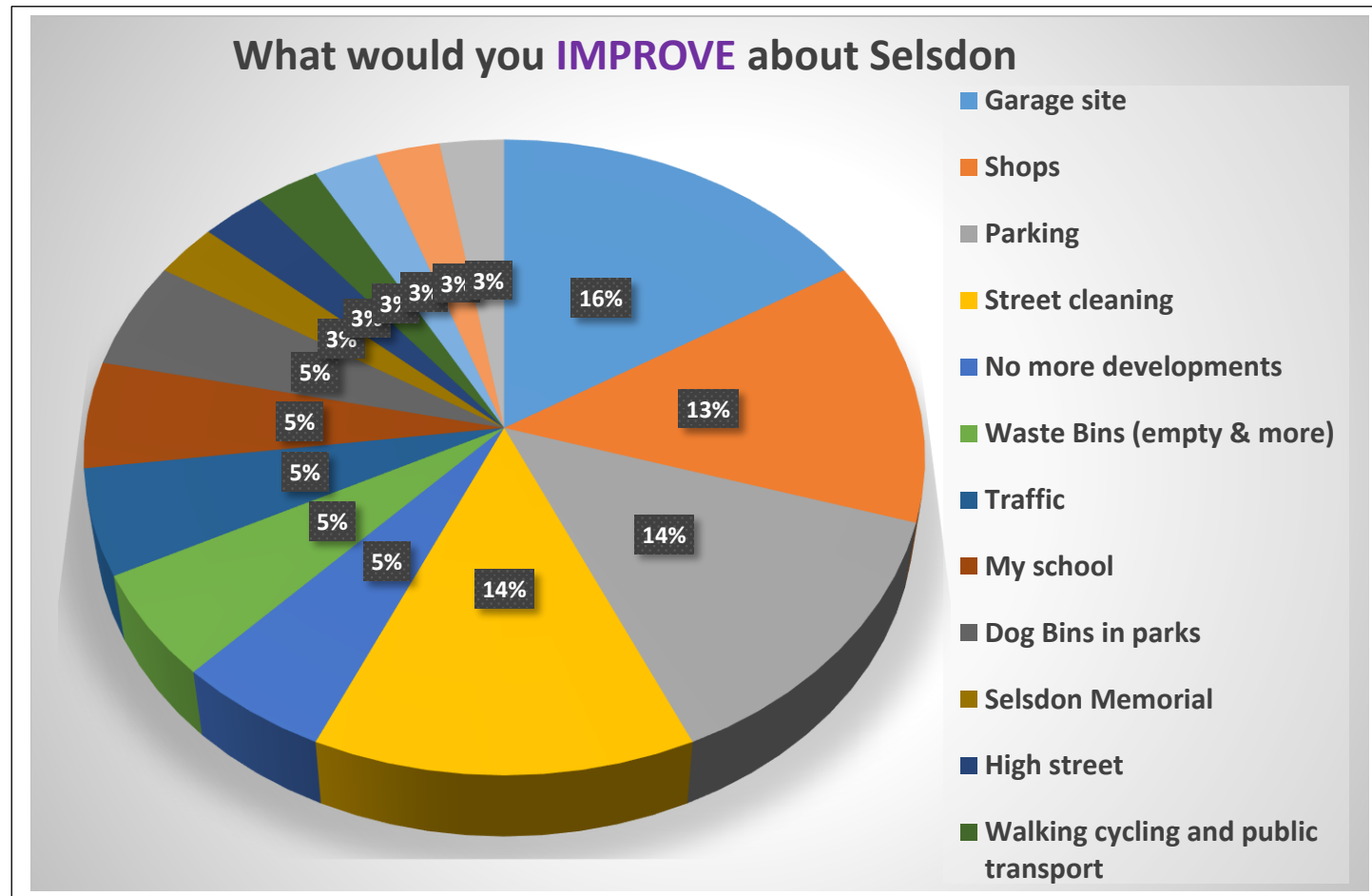
Please see link to access survey [www.croydon.gov.uk/selsdonCPsurvey](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/selsdonCPsurvey)

During this period we will be engaging with local schools and local residents groups to get further feedback from them on what their priorities are for improving Selsdon.

ITEM	DATE
On line survey	Closes 1 March 2020
Further engagement with the community	Jan 2020 – Feb 2020
Agree priorities and project ideas to go forward	By April 2020
Publish the Selsdon Community Plan	By June / July 2020
Commence development and implementation of Quick Win Ideas	From Aug 2020

## 2. FINDINGS

### i. What do you Like and What would you Improve?



*'I like the yearly Christmas Lights'*

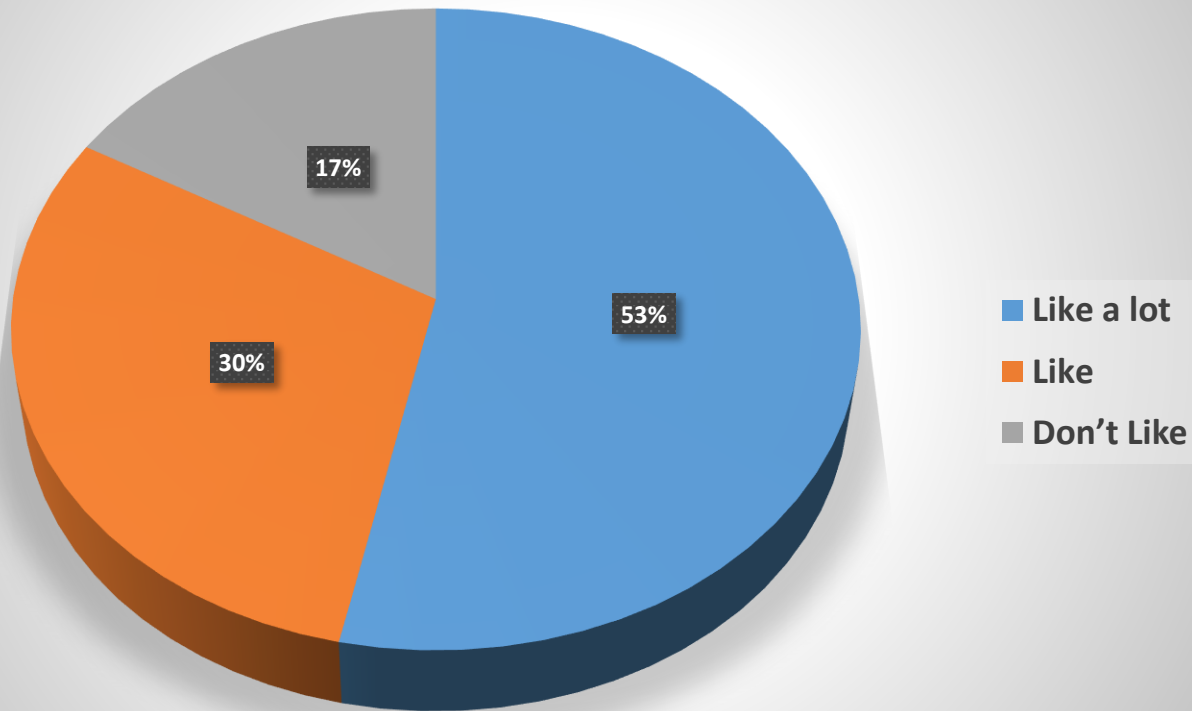
*'Clean the pavements, especially outside Weatherspoon's - even if the community pick up the litter. We can't remove chewing gum'*

*'Convenient to get to London and Gatwick'*

**ii. Quick Win Ideas: Tell us what you like.**

These are projects that we hope can be delivered quickly in the next 18 months.

**Quick Wins - Public Art / Sculpture**



*'More raised beds along wider pavements with bulbs for spring and then planted with veg'*

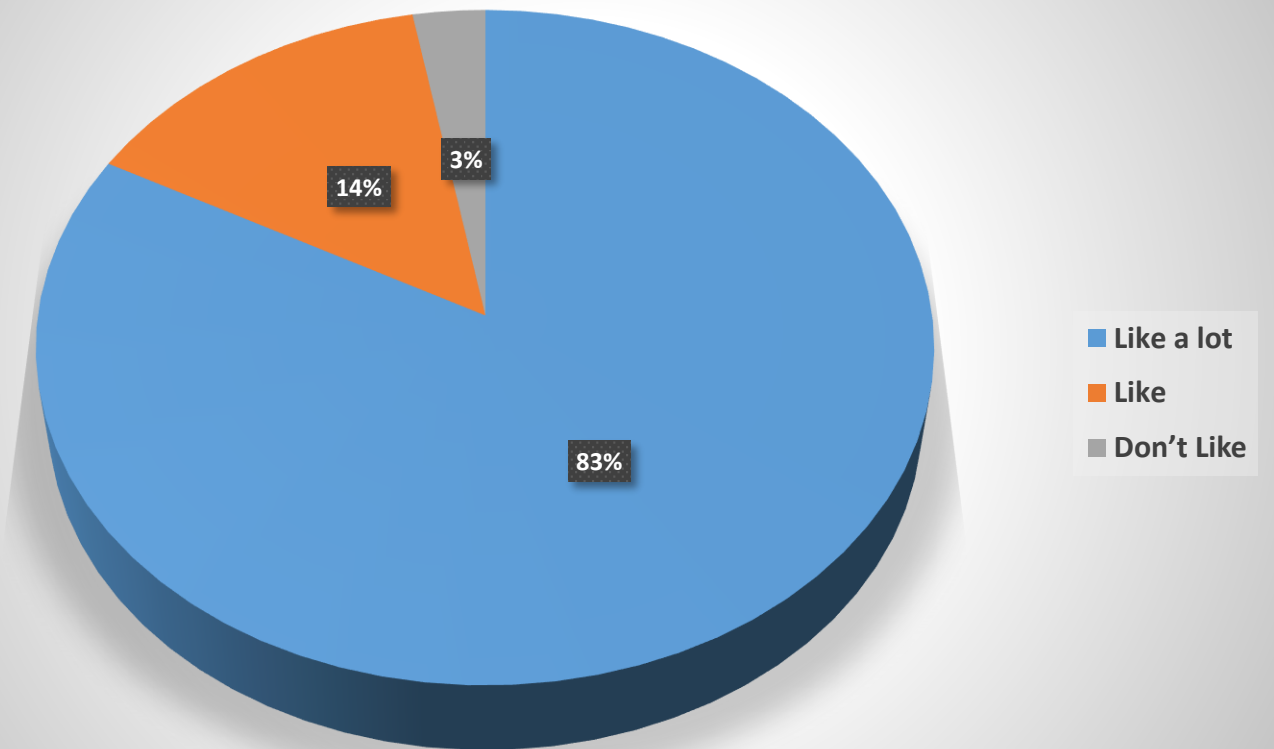


*'Add some public art to the hoarding around the garage site'*

*'Trees and floral on the high street to make it more attractive'*

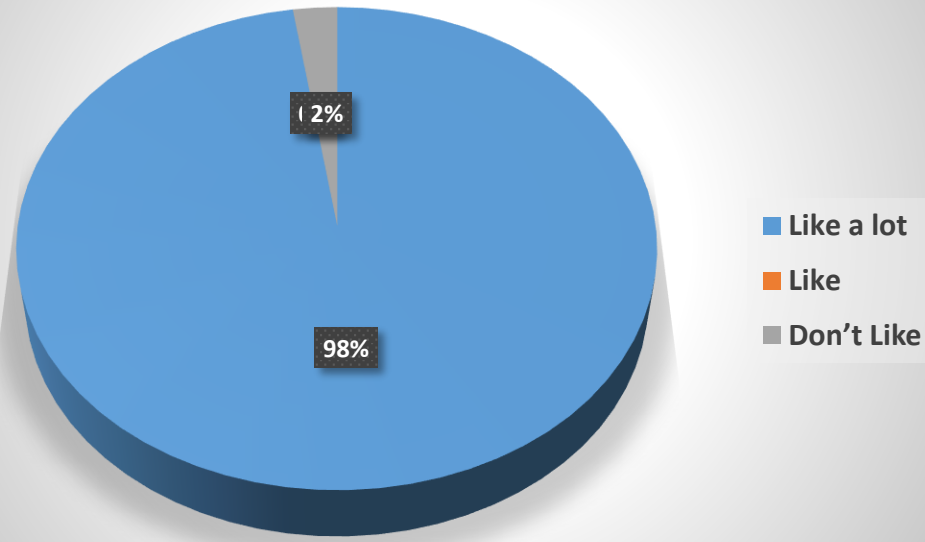


**Quick Wins - More planting on High Street**

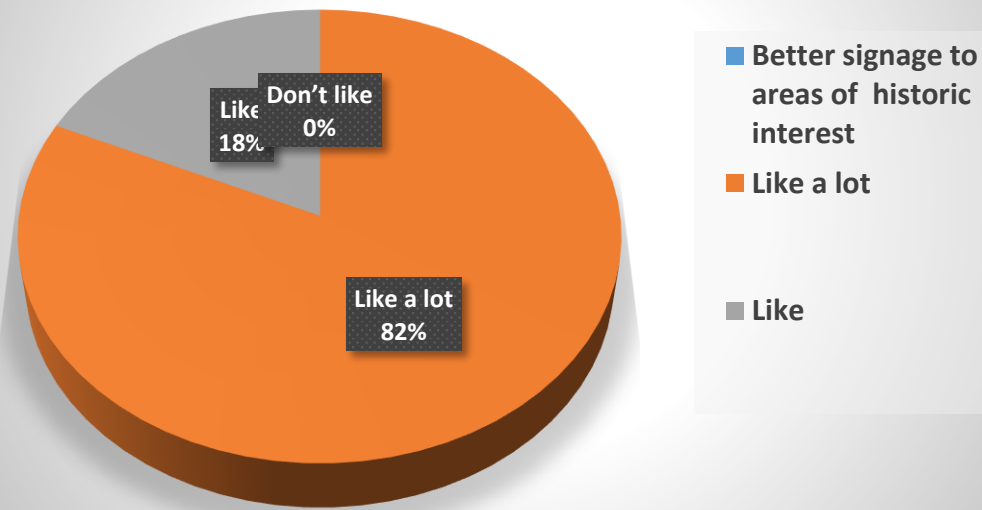




### Quick Wins - Christmas / Summer Market



### Quick Wins - Better Signage to areas of historic interest

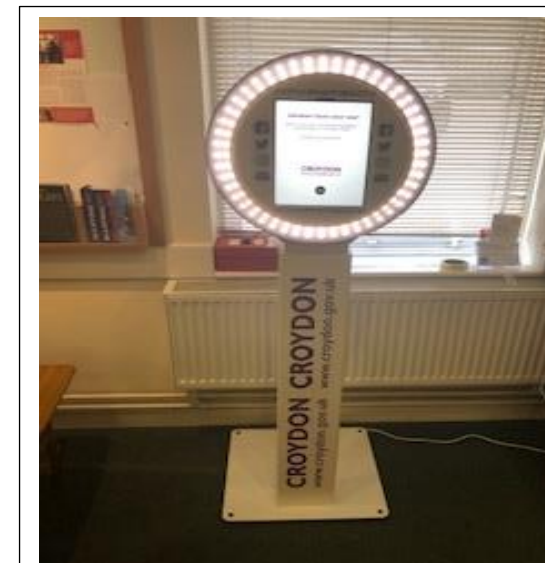
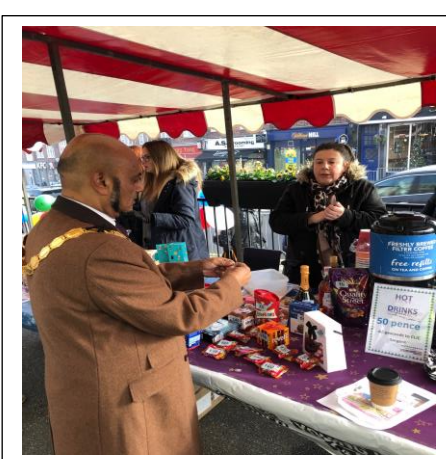
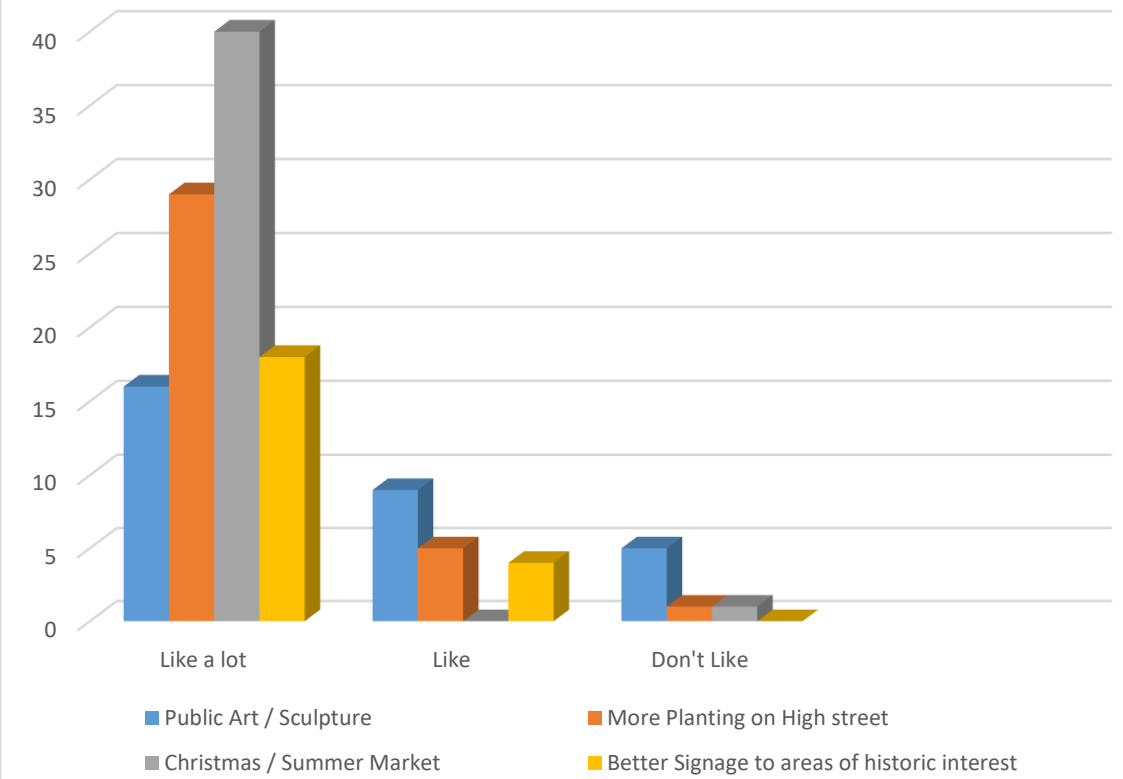


*'Greenfield at Pioneer Place, Featherbed Lane is of great nature conservation importance'*

*'I like the Christmas market and it should happen every year. Also maybe another market in the year'*

*'Father Christmas sleigh and lights switch on. But need to close road for 15 minutes as so busy and popular'*

### Quick Win Responses



### iii. Themes

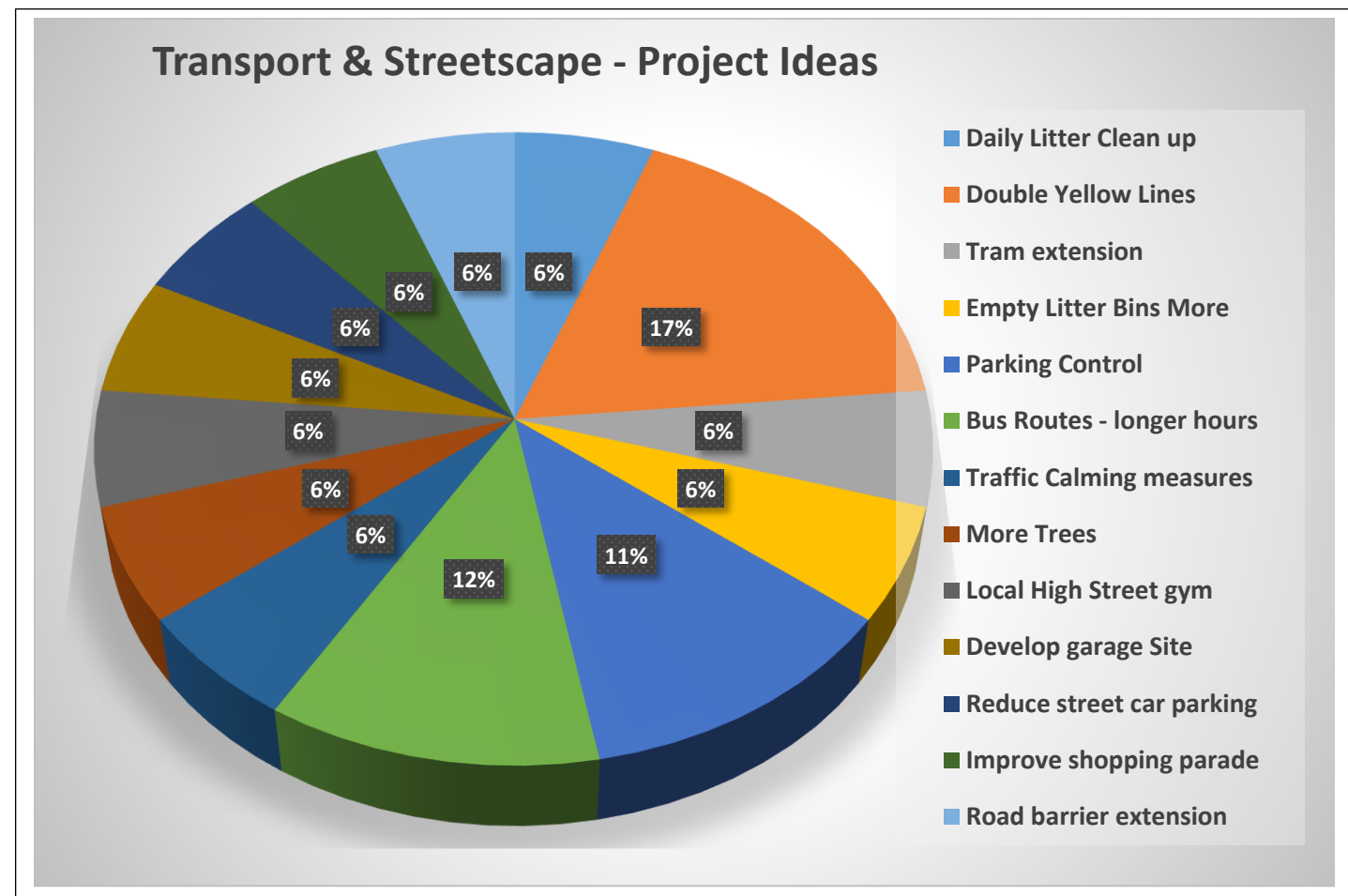
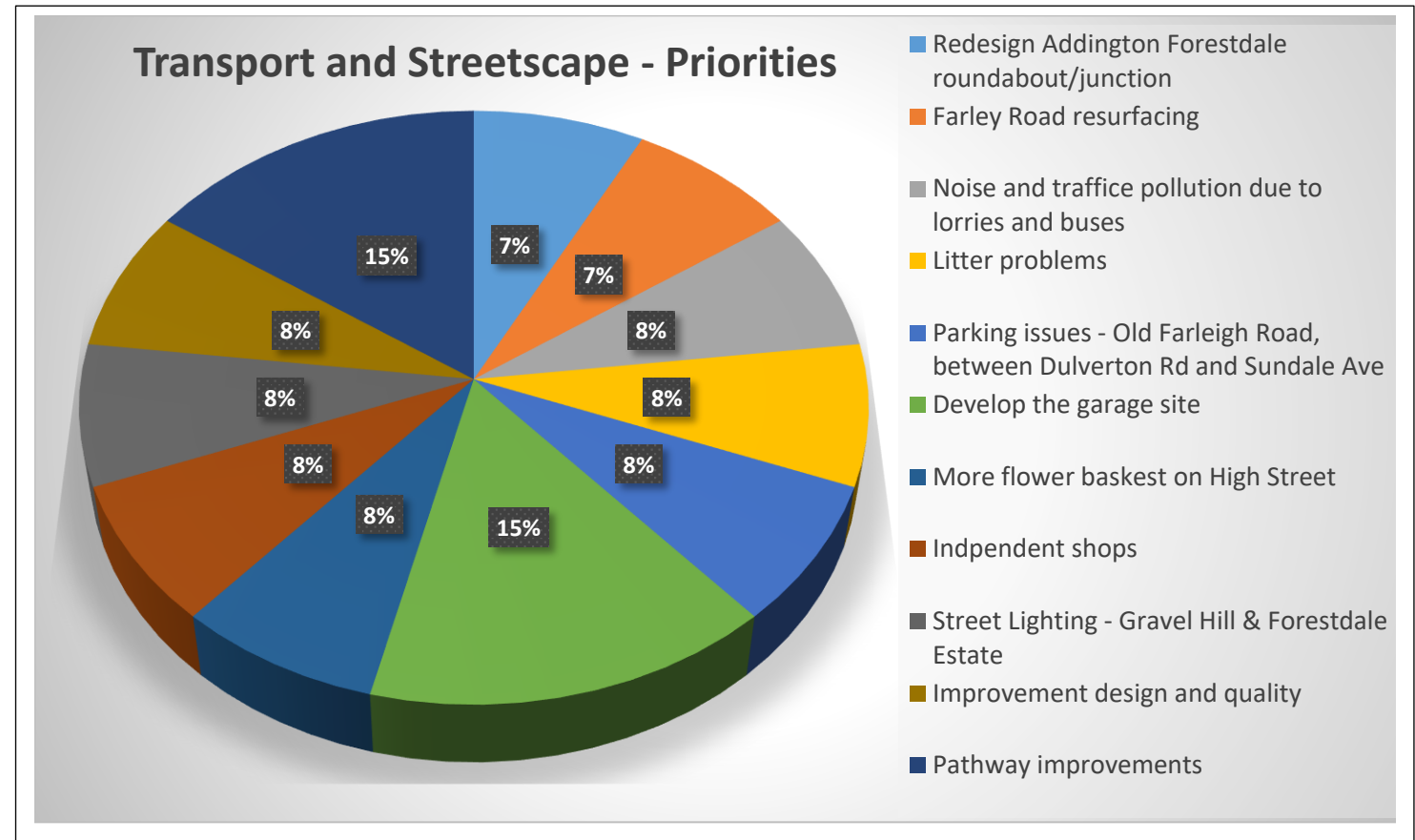
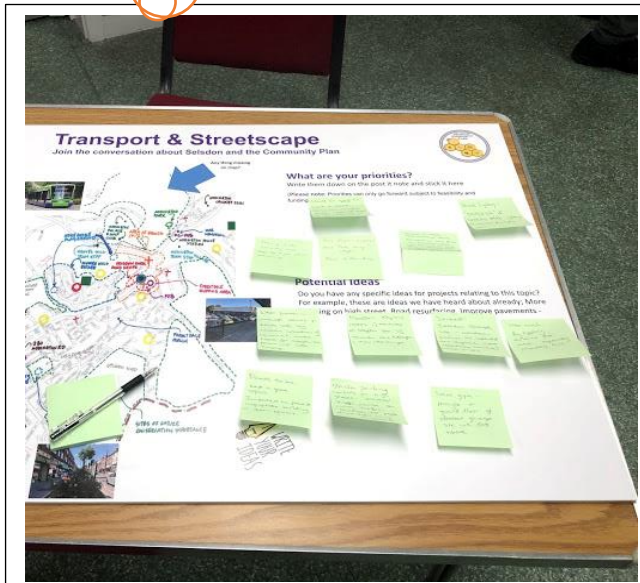
This section shows the community priorities by theme and then project ideas that relate to that theme identified at the community events.

#### a. Transport and Streetscape

*'Better and cheaper public transport. More street trees. Better cycle Lanes'*

*'Stricter parking controls on high street - schools/shops cause so much traffic backlog where people dump their cars anywhere'*

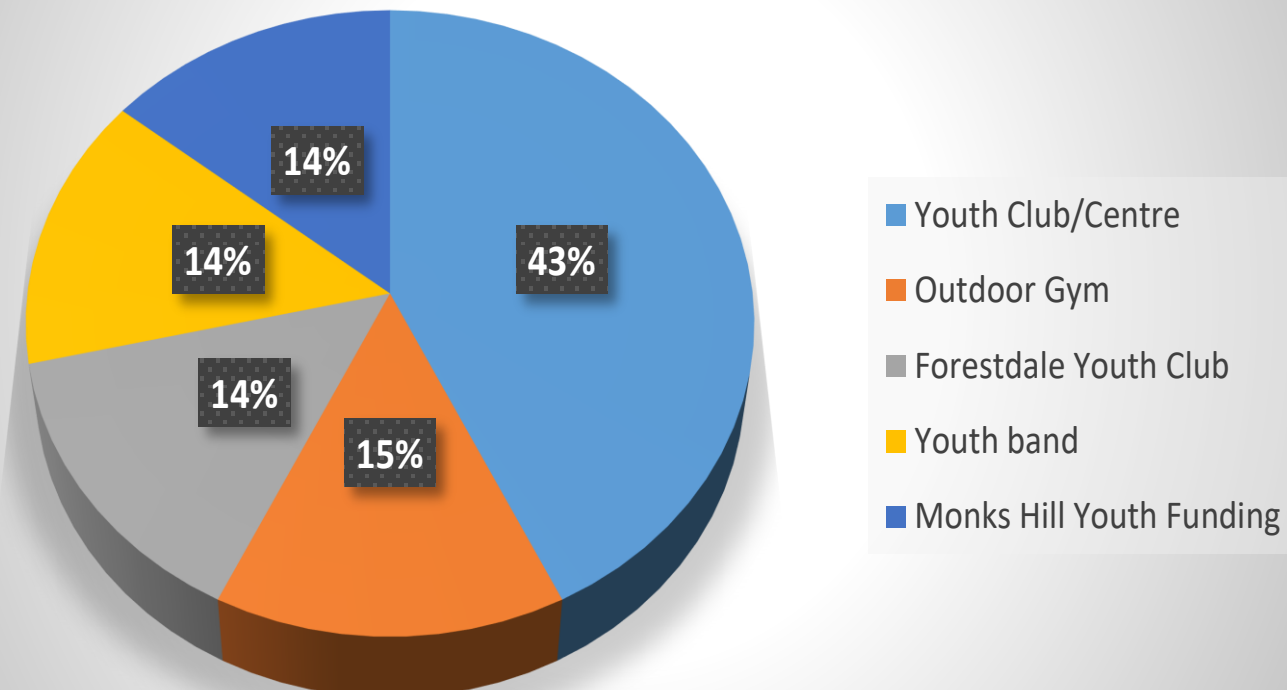
*'What use can be made of the derelict garage area? Why can't the council do something about this eyesore?'*





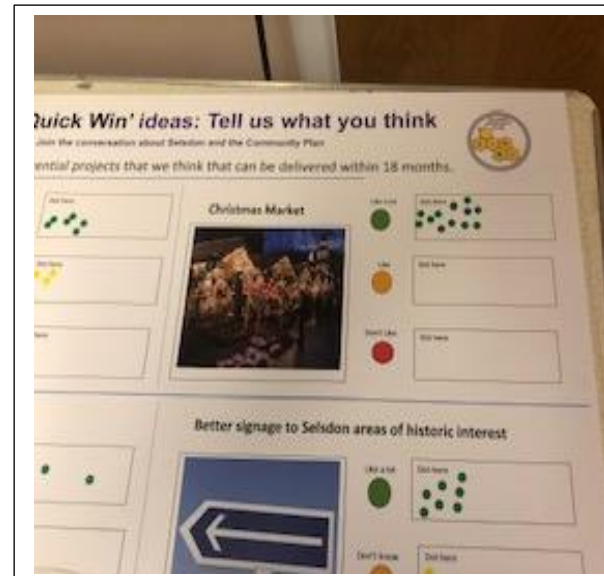
**b. Youth and Community**

## Youth & Community - Priorities



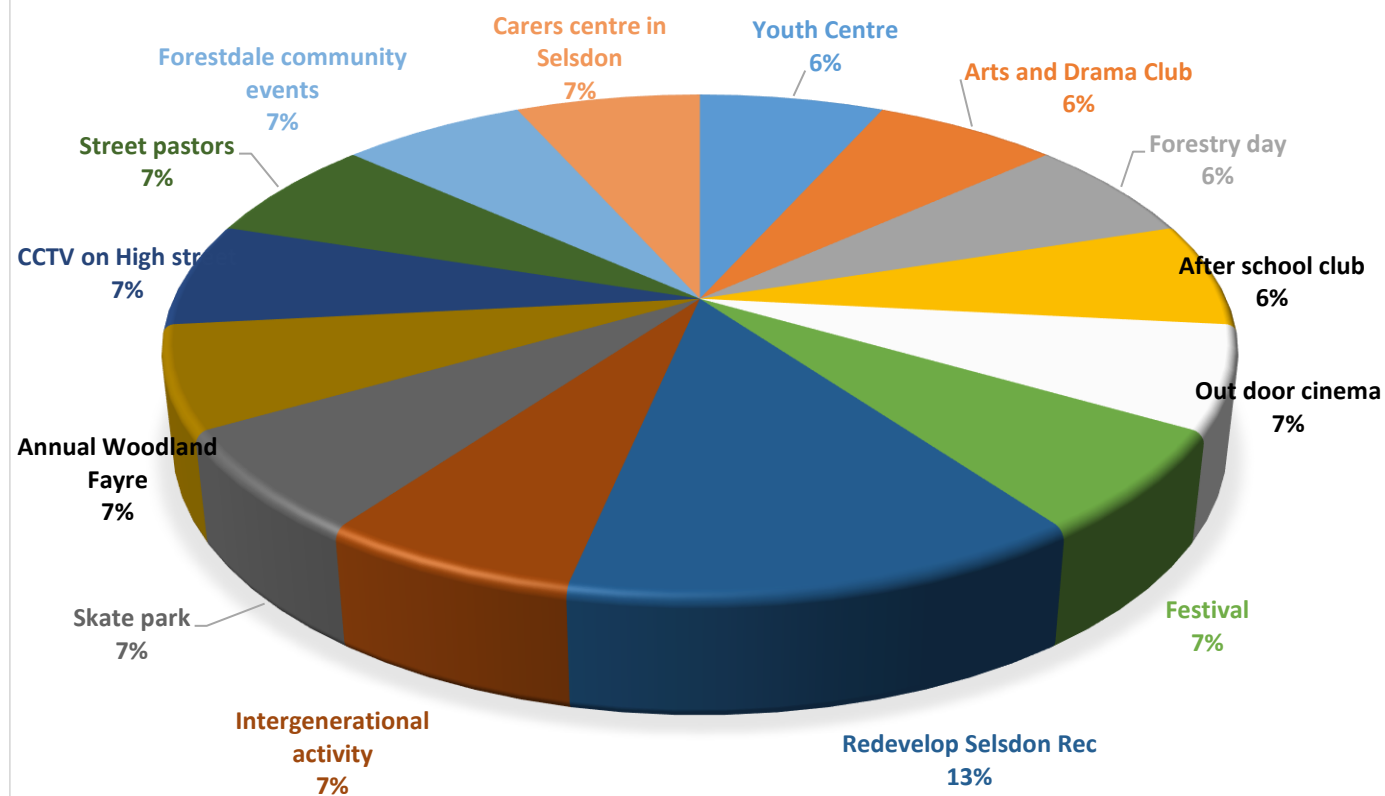
*'Forestdale needs a youth provision'*

*'We need a hike/outdoor club for kids in Longheath and feeder shop for this in high street. Will keep kids away from devices'*



*'Youth Centre to give teenagers somewhere to go and socialise after, rather than street corners'*

## YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT IDEAS



*'Get a central CCTV camera on the high street linked to the council. Get shop keepers to share external CCTV views with the police'*

## Greening and Local Open Spaces

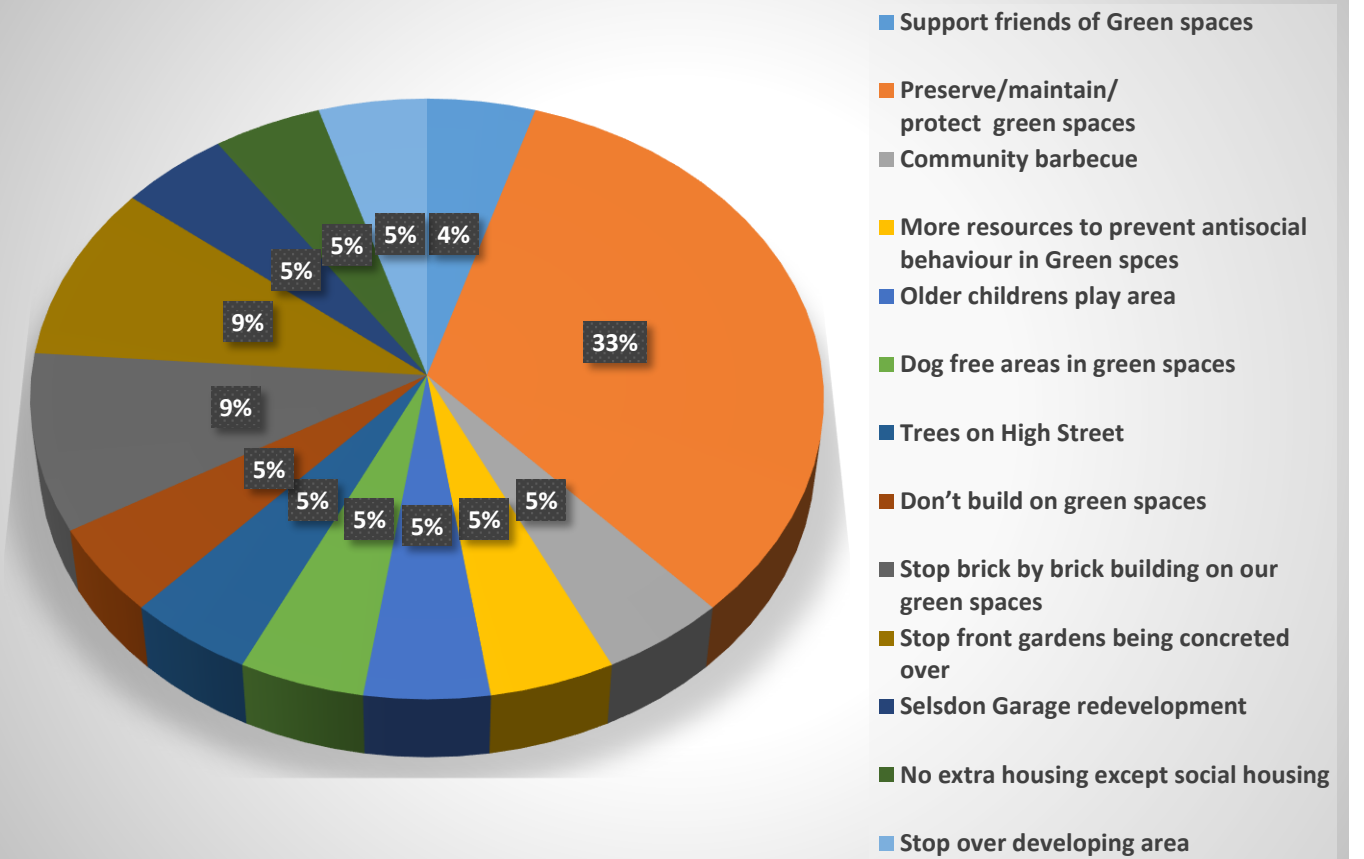
*'Keep supporting the Friends of Selsdon and Friends of Littleheath woods groups. Involve local school'*

*'Green space wardens (like those at Riddlesdown)'*

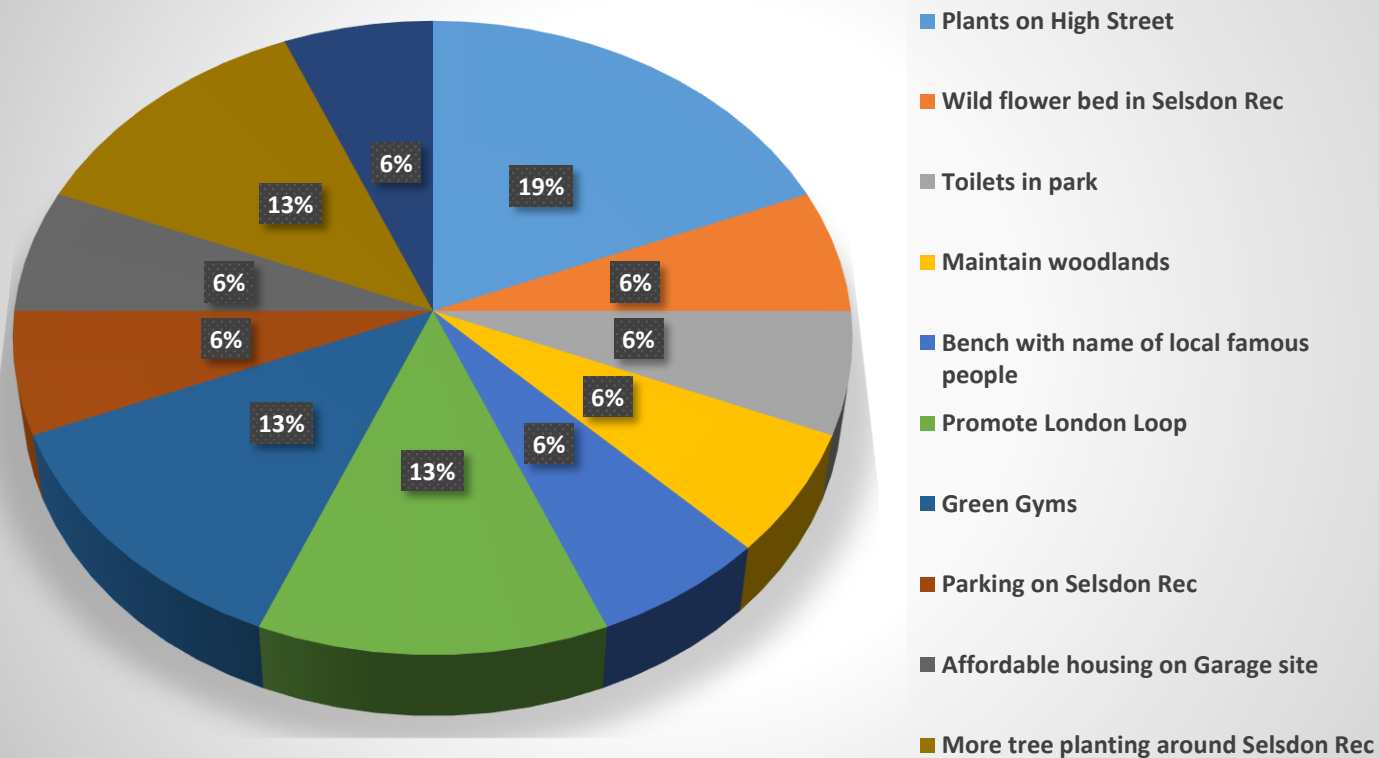
*'Outdoor Gym for Selsdon Rec.'*

*'Later parking on Selsdon Rec. Protect our Green Belt!'*

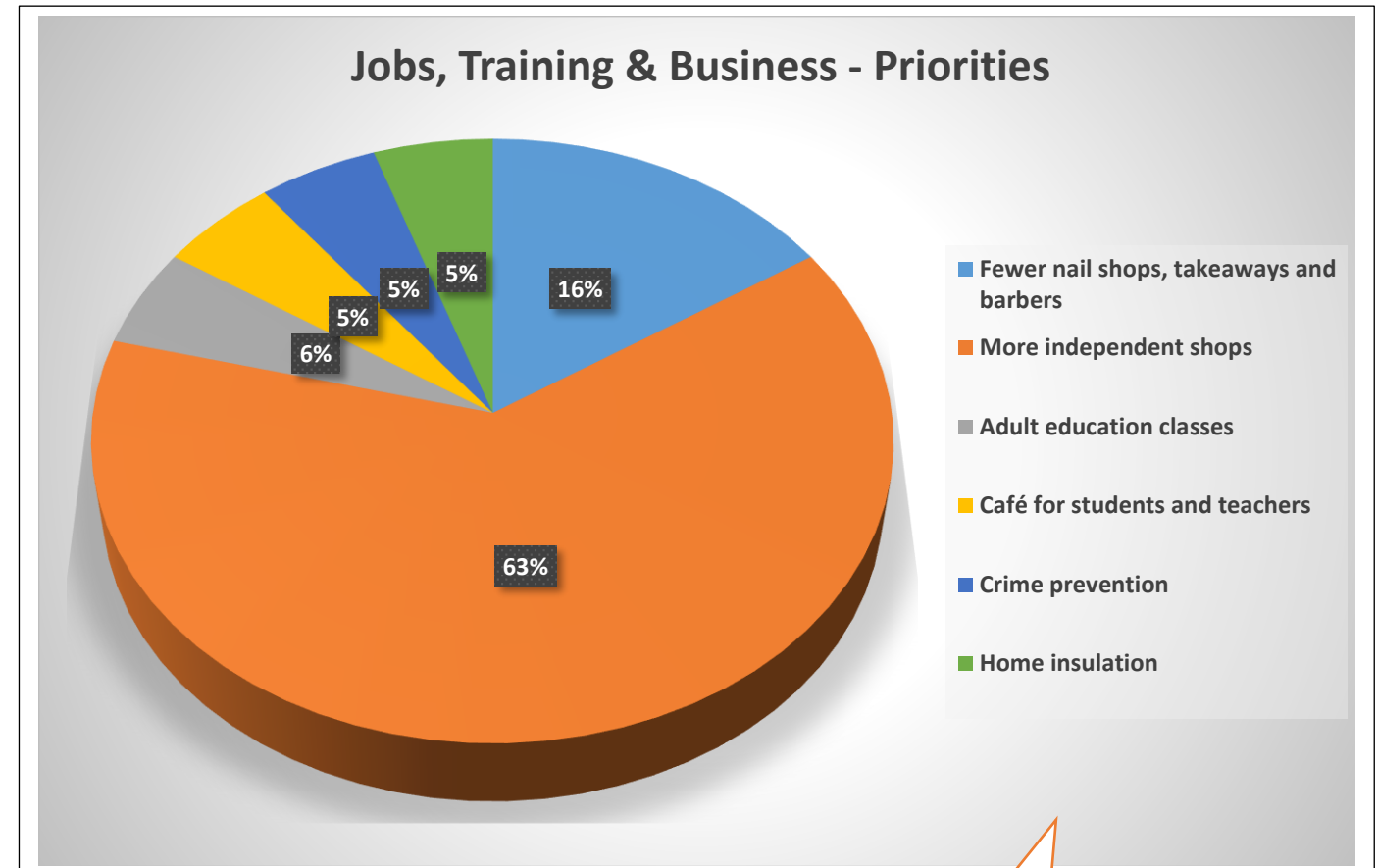
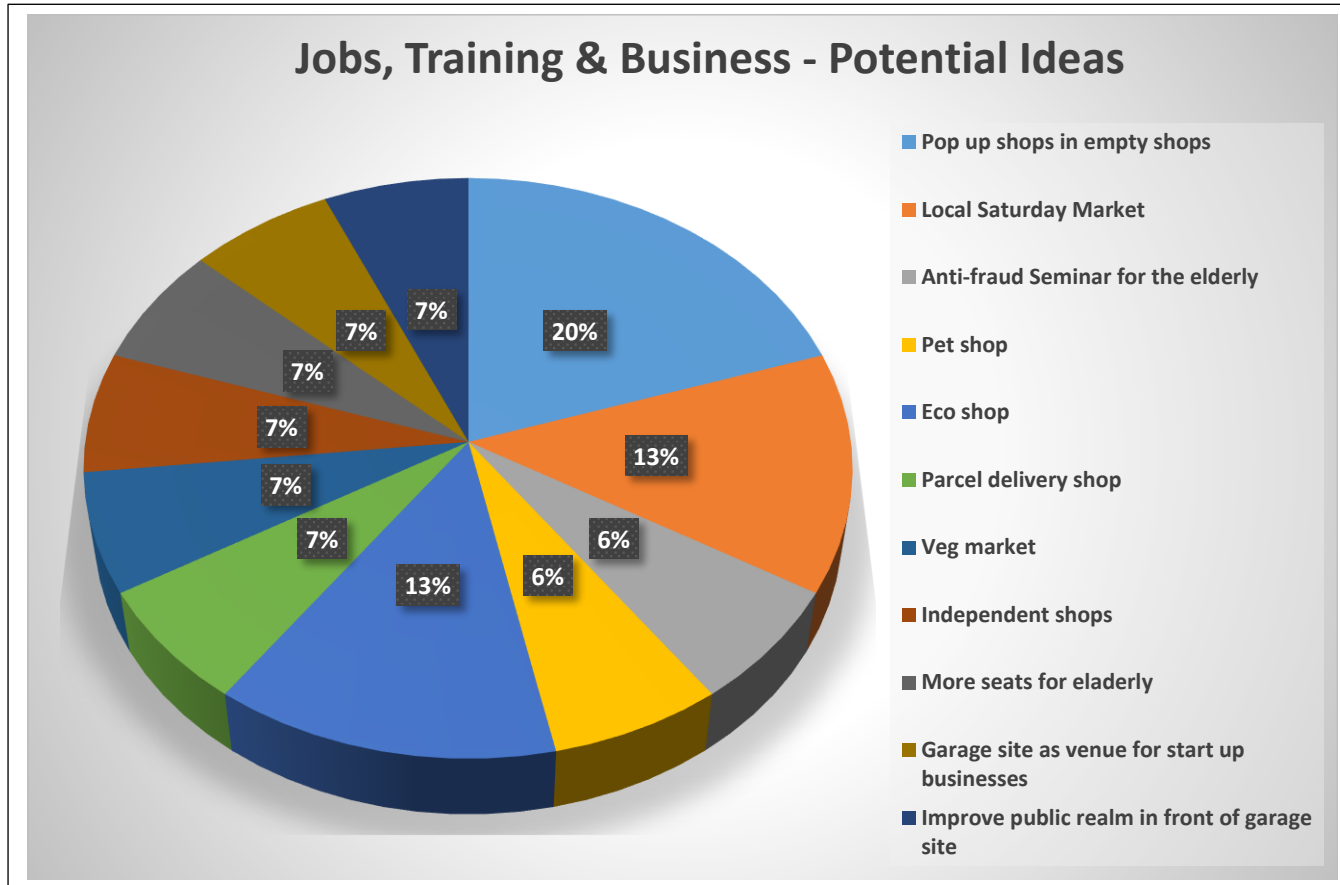
### PRIORITIES - Greening & Local Open Spaces



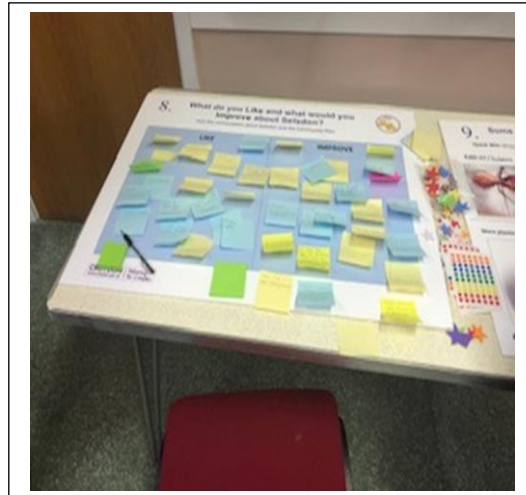
### Potential Ideas - Greening & Local Green Spaces



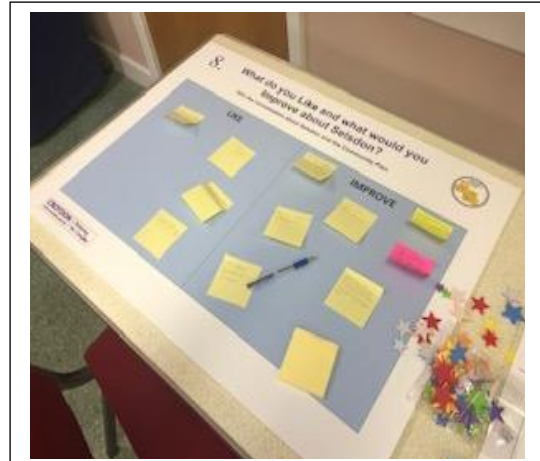
### c. Jobs, Training and Business



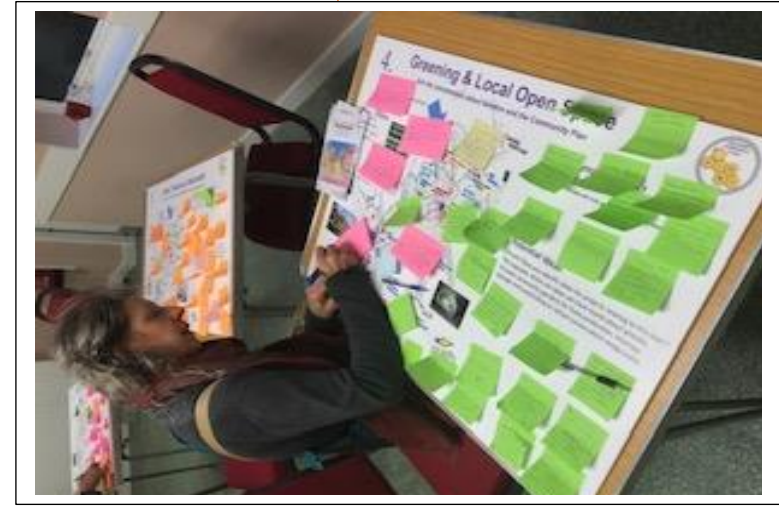
*'We need shops like dog parlour, deli/bread etc. more unique shops to encourage shoppers'*



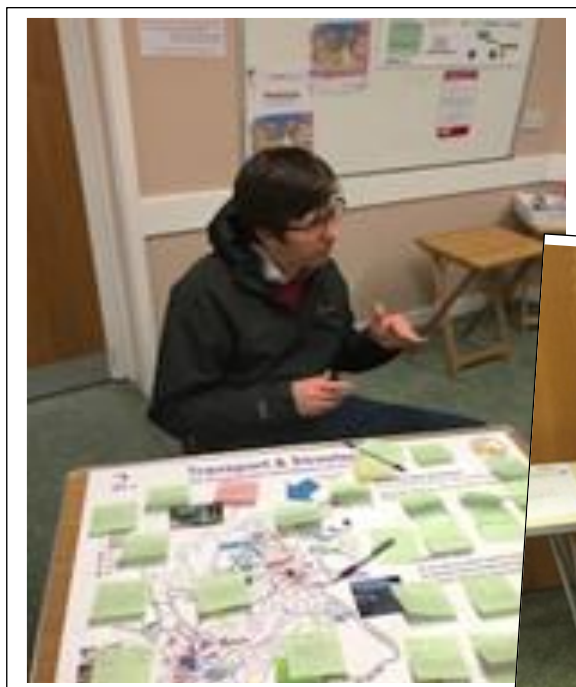
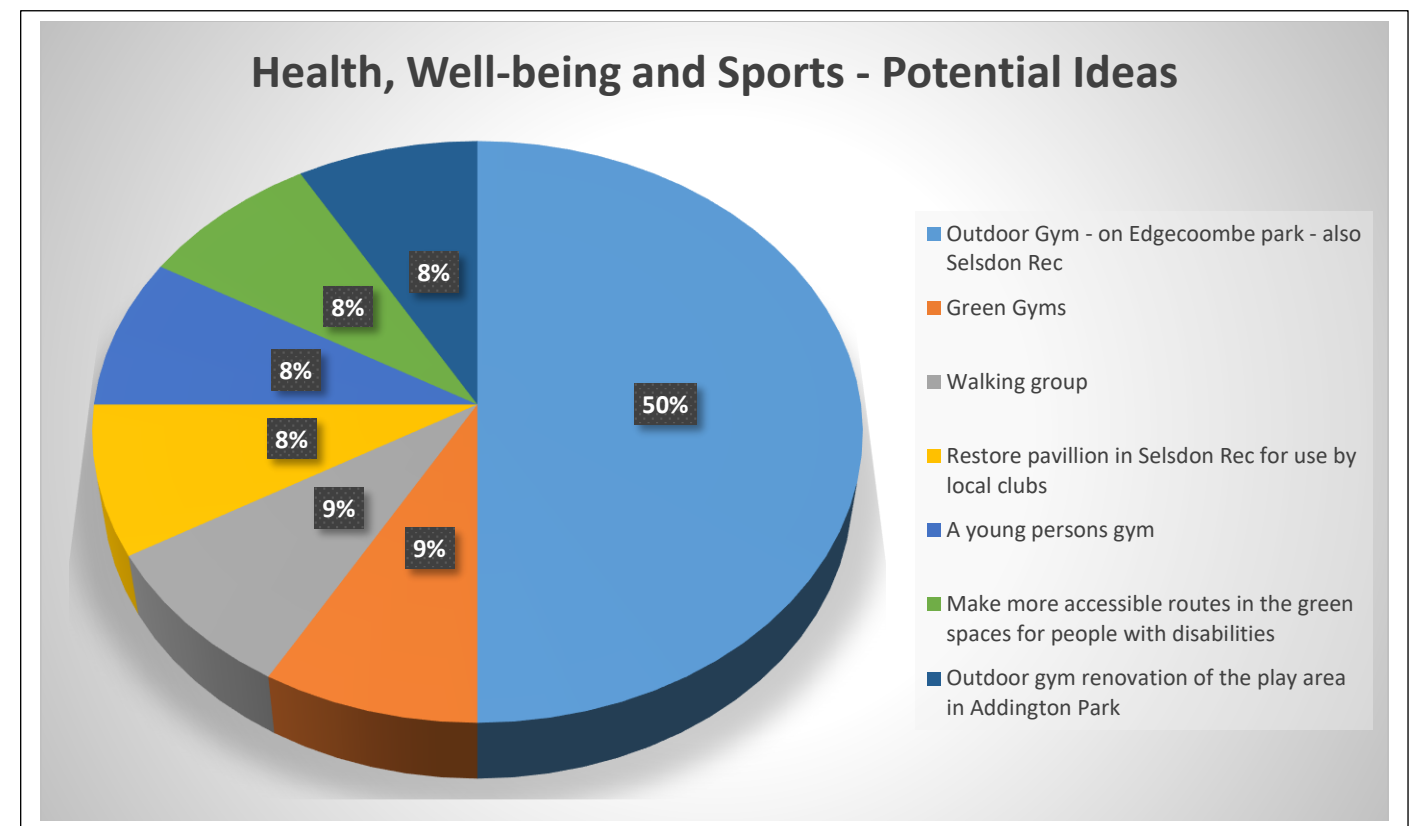
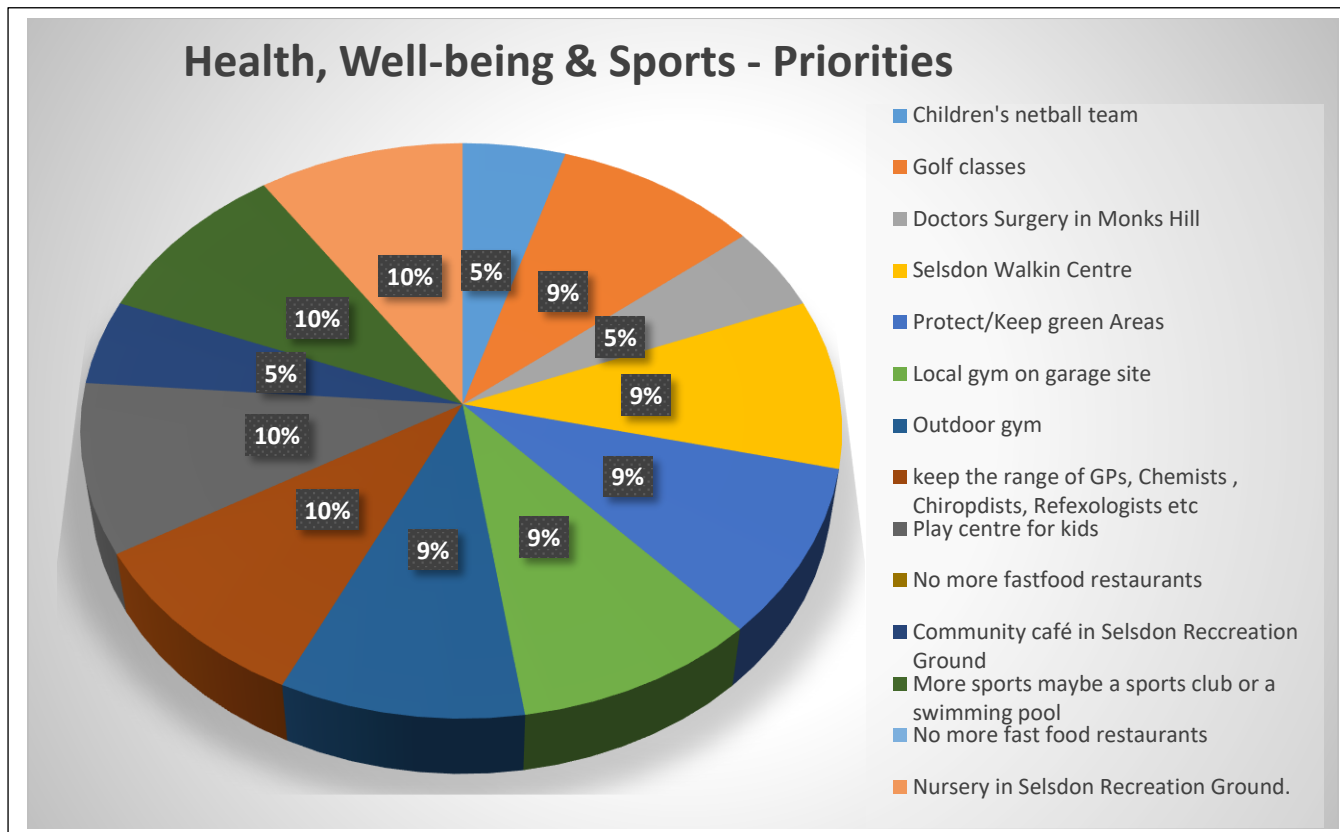
*'Fewer nail shops and takeaways'*



*'We need adult education classes, not just ESOL or maths, but arts and crafts, e.g. jewellery making, stained glass, pottery, upholstery'*



### d. Health, Well-being and Sports

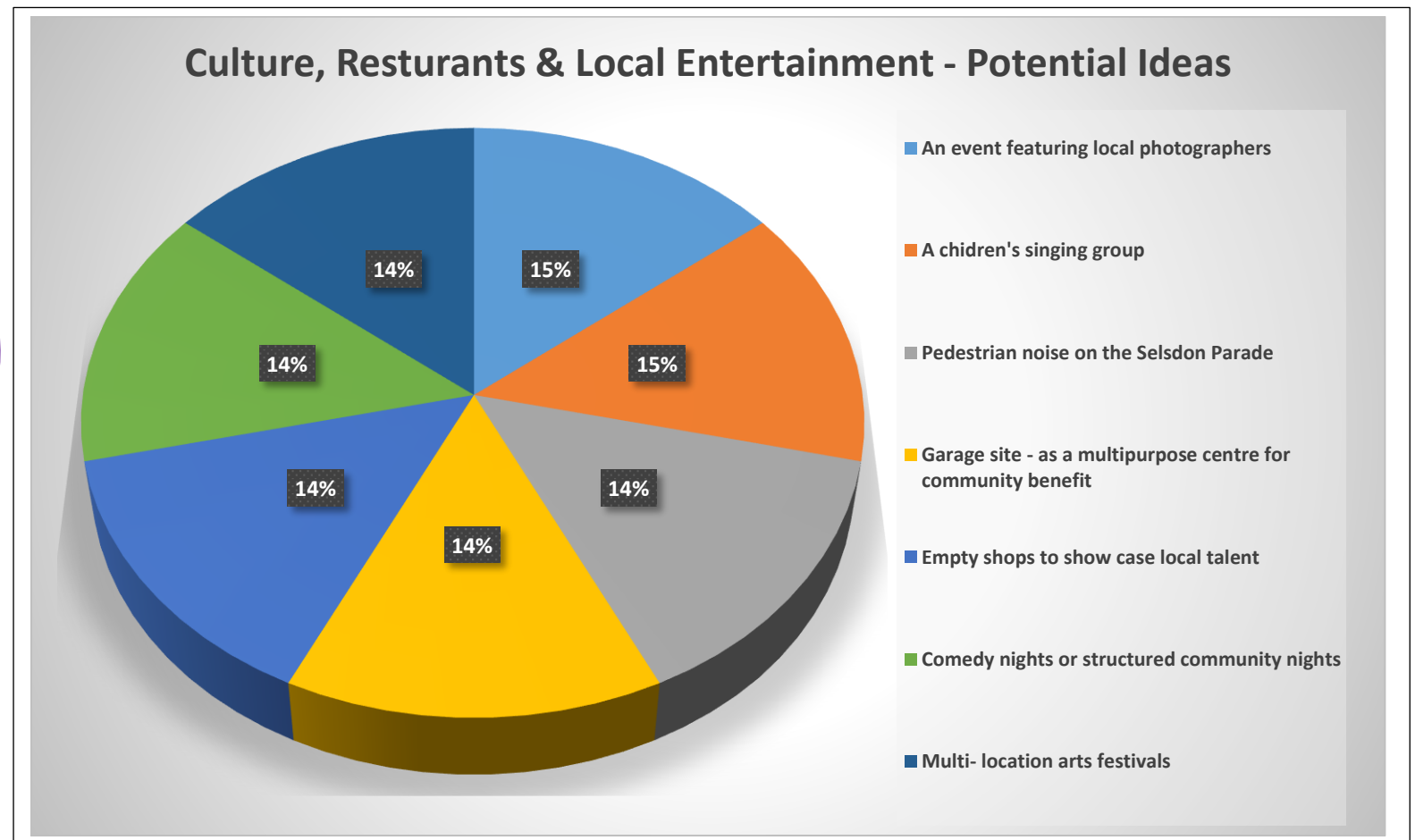
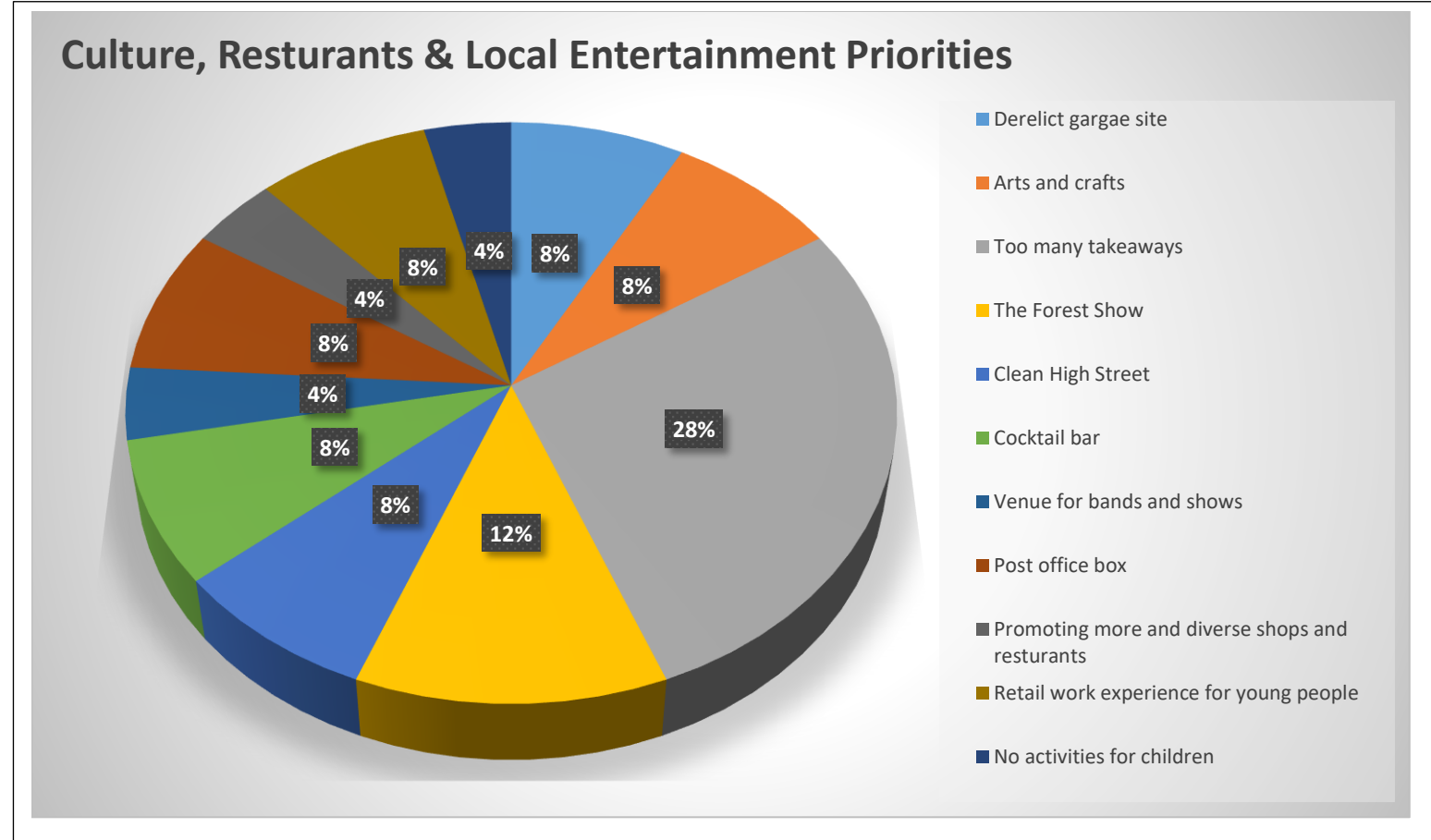
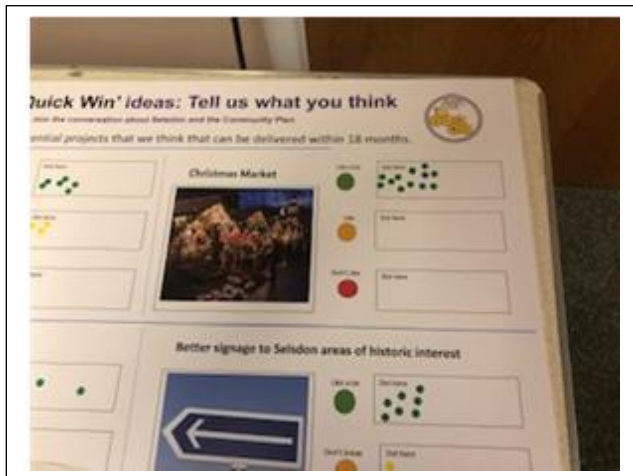


*'Outdoor Gym - on Edgecombe Park - also Selsdon Rec'*

*'Restore pavilion in Selsdon Rec for use by local clubs'*

*'Make more accessible routes in the green spaces for people with disabilities'*

## e. Culture, Restaurants and Local Entertainment



*'Use one of the empty shops to show case local talent'*

*'Use garage site as a multipurpose centre for community benefit - could include coffee shop, drop-in, craft space, artists'*

*'What about holding a gallery event type event featuring local photographers and artists say twice a year'*

f. Number of comments provided by topic area

