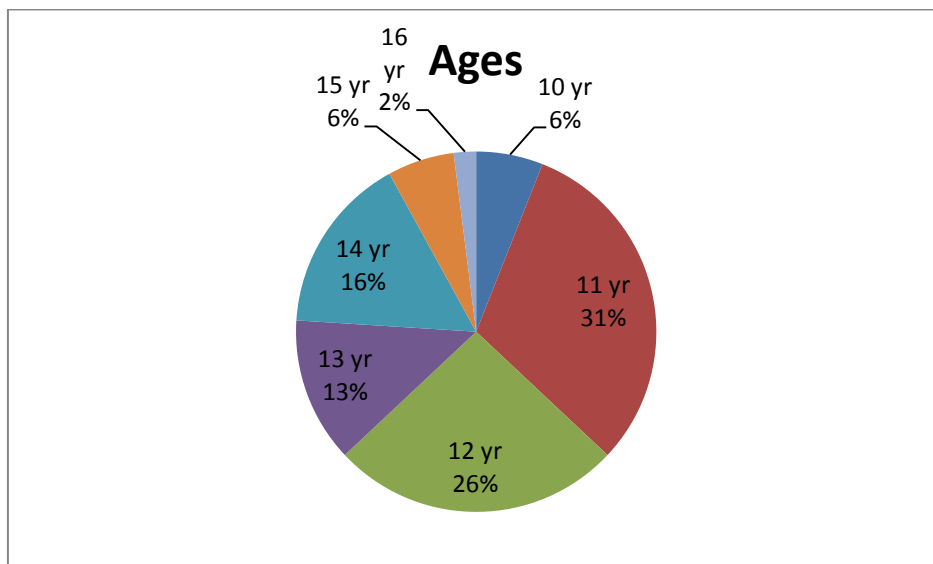
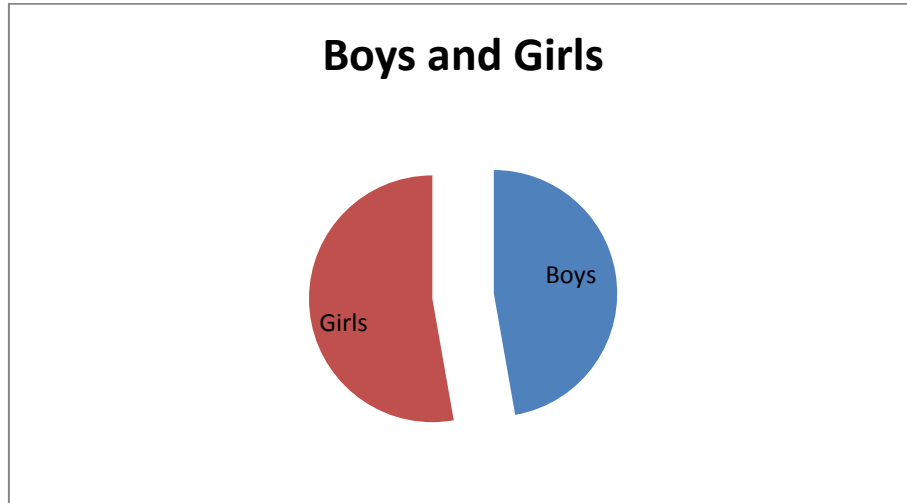


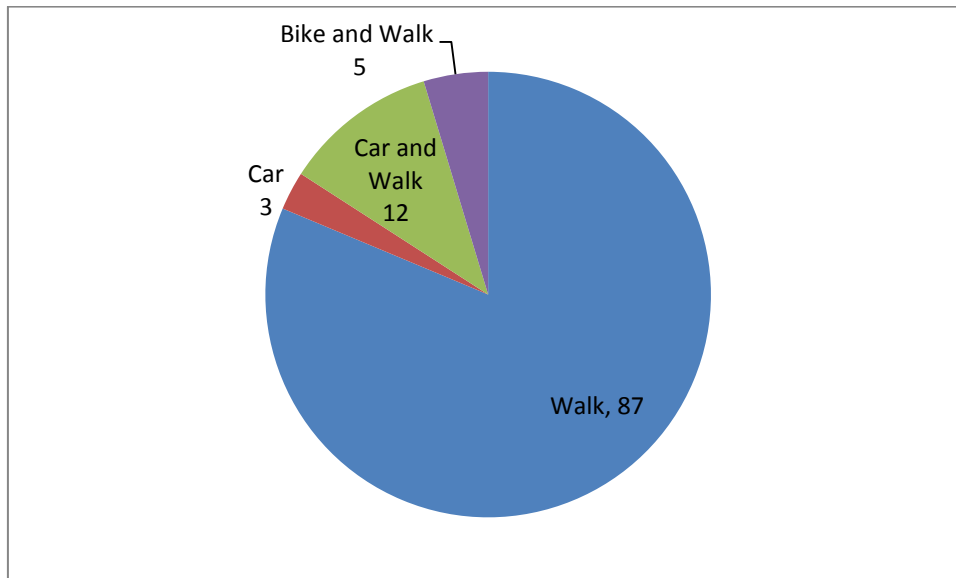
Young Person Survey for Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan

We surveyed a total of 108 boys and girls from Downlands School, local Guides and Scout groups. All the Downlands School pupils and most of the Scouts and Guides live in Hassocks.



We were not able to mention everything that they have requested but looked at what was mentioned most frequently.

We were pleased to note that 81% regularly walked to school. Only 5% however cycled regularly and this maybe because they do not feel safe and cycle routes mentioned by 6 young people, could well improve this ratio.



We were also pleased that the general impression was that they liked living in Hassocks.

28 thought it was a small, friendly and safe community.

23 liked the station which gave them access to towns.

Parks 20, Shops 19 and Schools 19 were also appreciated as was access to the countryside 7.

In spite of the fact that the parks and shops were appreciated, these are the areas in which they would most like improvements. These were suggestions that were mentioned most often.

- 29 Improved Skate Park (mostly boys)
- 20 Improved variety of shops
- 16 Cinema
- 16 Improved park facilities
- 14 Clothes shops for young people
- 13 Swimming pool
- 11 Fast food outlets
- 6 Cycle Paths
- 4 Zip wire

A youth centre would obviously be well used as 53 (49%) of those questioned said they would go.

We would like to mention and thank Mr Hill - Assistant Headteacher, students of Downlands School and the local Scouts and Guides for their cooperation in the survey.

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