



THE STORY OF SUTTON REPAIR CAFÉ....

IT STARTED WITH AN IDEA !



AN IDEA ISN'T ENOUGH THOUGH...WE NEEDED ACTION & PEOPLE &....

- ❖ We need like minded people with diverse backgrounds, mindsets and skills to help make the idea happen.
- ❖ In February/March 2022 six co-founders got together with the intention of exploring the possibility of setting up a Repair Café in Sutton.
- ❖ Three were engineers by training and profession, one an accountant, one worked in media and journalism and one in Construction Health and Safety.
- ❖ All were passionate about doing their bit towards a sustainable planet via helping the circular economy.
- ❖ We believe that this diversity helped us get the Idea over the line and keeps the Repair Café going.
- ❖ And that we are all slightly mad ...





ACTIONS - PLANS, STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES...

- Discovery – What and How- visits to other Café's, type of entity, constitution, affiliations
- Meetings, meetings and Decisions, decisions, decisions
- Resources – Funds, Insurance , Venue, Volunteers, Methodology, media, website
- Planning for Soft Launch – Risk assessment , workflow , volunteer recruitment, repair streams...
- Even More meetings and Decisions



SOFT LAUNCH – JULY '22

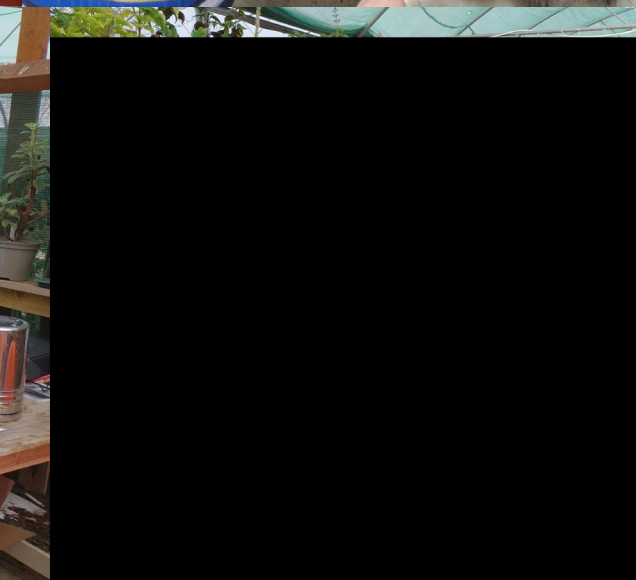
- ❖ Desktop and Onsite Risk Assessment was carried out before
- ❖ Insurance and lottery funding was in place
- ❖ PAT Tester purchased and our Chair got PAT testing Qualified
- ❖ Objective was to get used to Venue and Volunteers and workflow
- ❖ Tailored advertising on Social Media





FIRST FULL SESSION- SEPTEMBER '22

- ❖ Still Didn't Know what to expect
- ❖ Excited as well as apprehensive
- ❖ Very Busy with a diverse set of items, expectations and outcomes
- ❖ Exit interview of volunteers – very positive
- ❖ Donations even from visitors who hadn't had a successful repair
- ❖ Great sense of satisfaction all around





REGULAR SESSIONS

- ❖ 6 Committee member, 18 Volunteers
- ❖ Variety of items
- ❖ Learning opportunities
- ❖ Tools and consumables – we added to these based on feedback from Volunteers
- ❖ Qualifications – more PAT testing certifications
- ❖ Workflow and practicalities – booking considered
- ❖ Taking items home / bringing them to the next session





XMAS GET TOGETHER, 9TH SESSION AND AGM

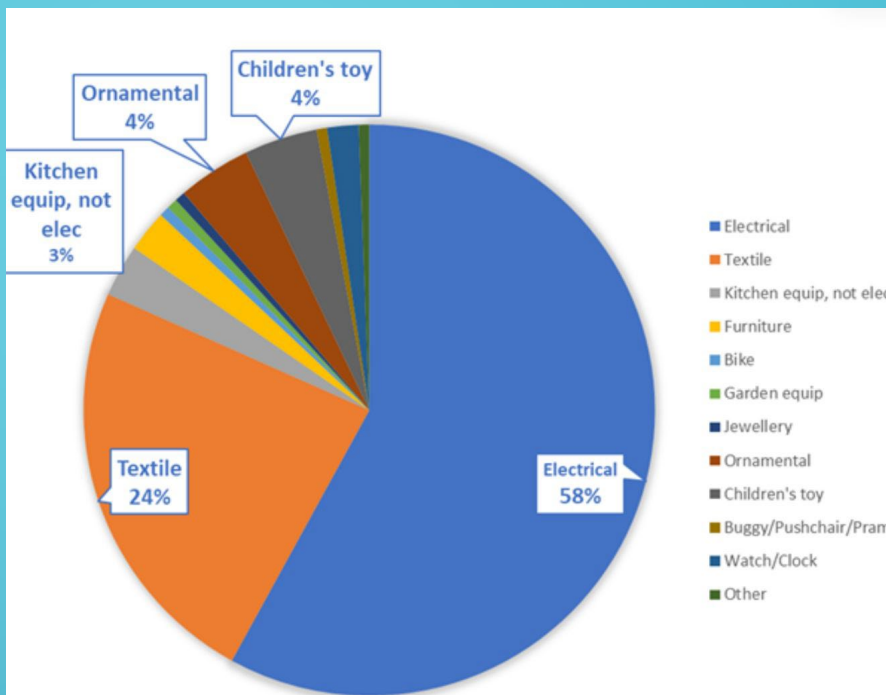
- ❖ The Team is important and all that hard work must be rewarded !
- ❖ Aside from Teas and coffees and cake and biscuits we have regular Committee meetings, Volunteers meal after our 4th full session in December.
- ❖ Last session in May was our 9th full session and we had our AGM thereafter, Volunteers and Committee met up over a meal, got a chance to go over finances, impact and socialise.
- ❖ Giving opportunities to the team to speak is crucial to building sustainable Culture.





IMPACT SO FAR

- ❖ Makeup of what was brought in till or year end in March
- ❖ Percentages of Repairs completed , partially completed and so on
- ❖ About Quarter of a ton put back into the circular Economy
- ❖ Self – sustaining financially
- ❖ Building awareness and a movement
- ❖ Building alliances



Eloise Mary Taylor
Hope you could fix that lovely little bicycle 🥰

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Sutton Repair Cafe (Author)
Eloise Mary Taylor we did, at least for now.

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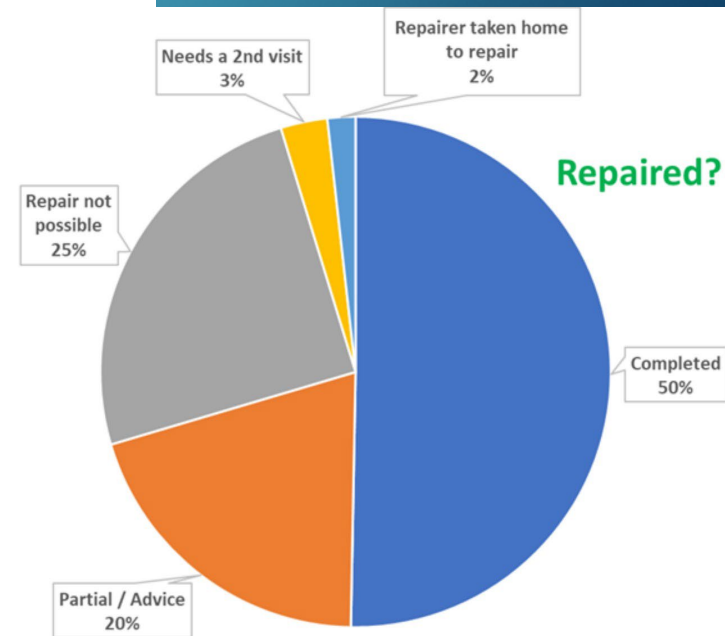
Eloise Mary Taylor
Good on you. One down - thousands to come 😊

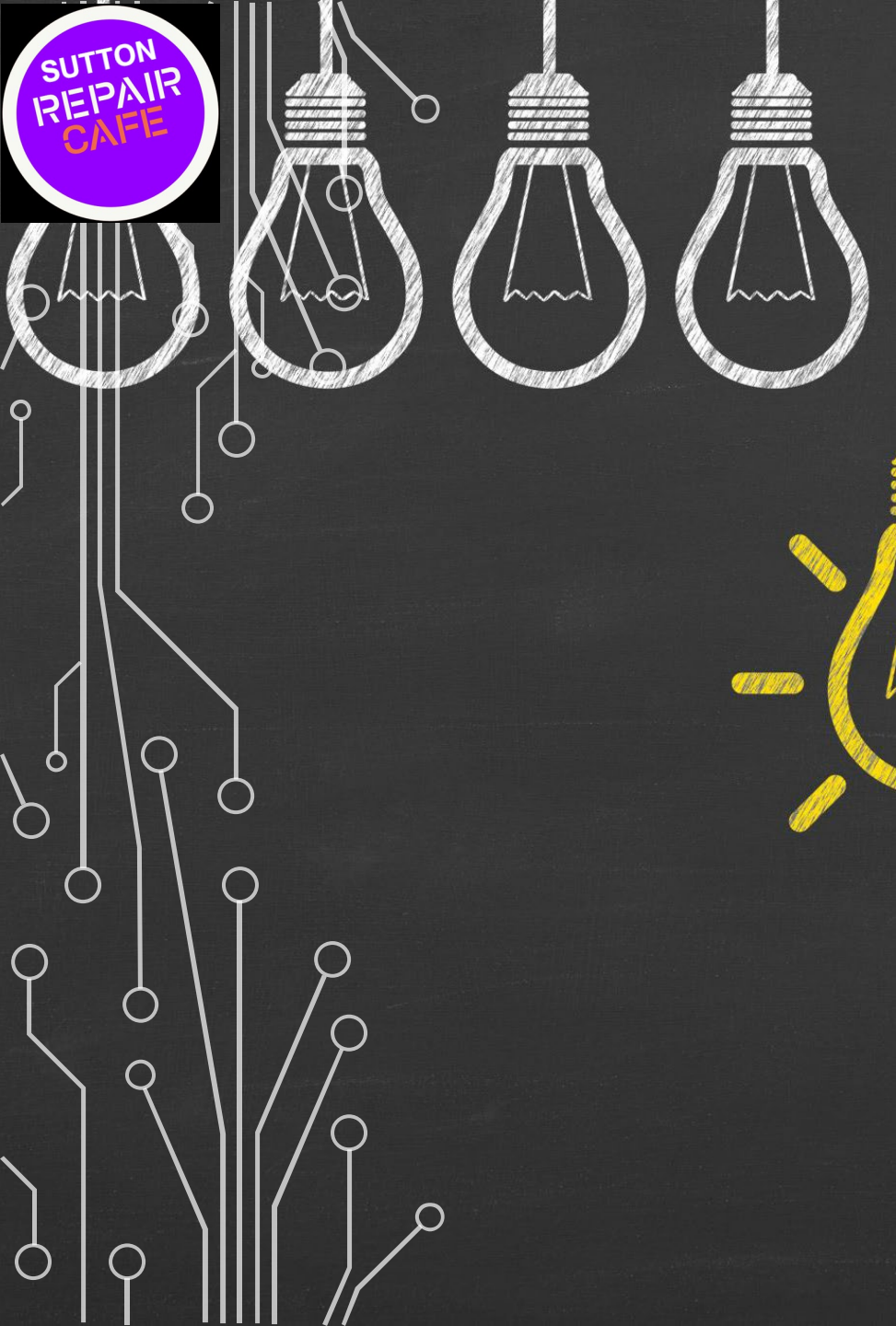
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Julie Hills
Eloise, Noah (my grandson) rode it on Sunday when he went to visit his great grandma!

Beverley Brigden
My broken zip in my rucksack was repaired so it was usable again, thanks Alice.

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WHAT NEXT ?

- ❖ Community and Social Cohesion
- ❖ Education – teaching , mindset ..
- ❖ Going Upstream – prevention, design
- ❖ Alliances – Veolia and it's Reuse shop
- ❖ Inspiration for other Ideas
 - ❖ Connected – Liberty Wheel power
 - ❖ Unconnected – Inspiration for other projects



ANY QUESTIONS? - SUTTON REPAIR CAFÉ

- ❖ Venue : Yourspace.sutton community garden, Sears Park, St Dunstan's Hill, Sutton SM1 2LR
- ❖ Sessions : 2nd Saturday of Every month
- ❖ <https://suttonrepaircafe.co.uk/>
- ❖ Founders : Tom Brzezinski, Helen John, Jasmin Souesi, Paul Skeet, Vaskor Basak, Alex Rocha now joined by Alison Rasey.