

Abstract

Sustainability 2014: Future Urban Development at Different Scales

Copenhagen – City of Cyclists

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The City of Copenhagen has a well known long and strong tradition for cycling. This main stream mobility culture contributes not only to a high level of mobility. There are also significant benefits on public health, liveability, public safe feeling and economy. In addition the share of cycling is one of the key-contributers to the City of Copenhagen ambition to become carbon-neutral by 2025.

The fact is, that the high share of cycling (37% in 2012) is now increasing to an even higher level. At the same time the risk of cycling is decreasing and the public demand for more and better infrastructure solutions are substantial. A regional masterplan for CycleSuper Highways has been adopted by more than 20 municipalities, and a number of new projects are being built due to the comprehensive Copenhagen Cycling Strategy.

Niels Tørsløv has been the responsible Director in the city administration for most of the initiatives during the last decade and will present the facts and the key messages from his own experience – as well as reflections from shared knowledge from other mostly European colleagues. The presentation will include some of the significant new projects and developments in Copenhagen as well as key recommendations for how to develop an urban cycling culture.