Sustainable Cities ; People Cities



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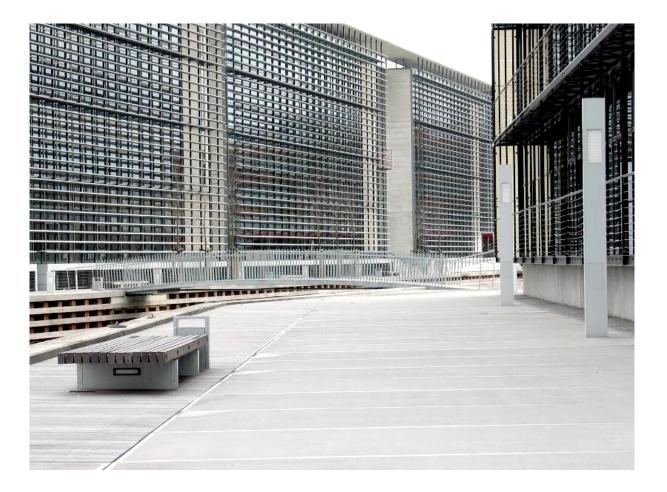
Sustainable Cities are People Cities

Sustainability in all aspects:

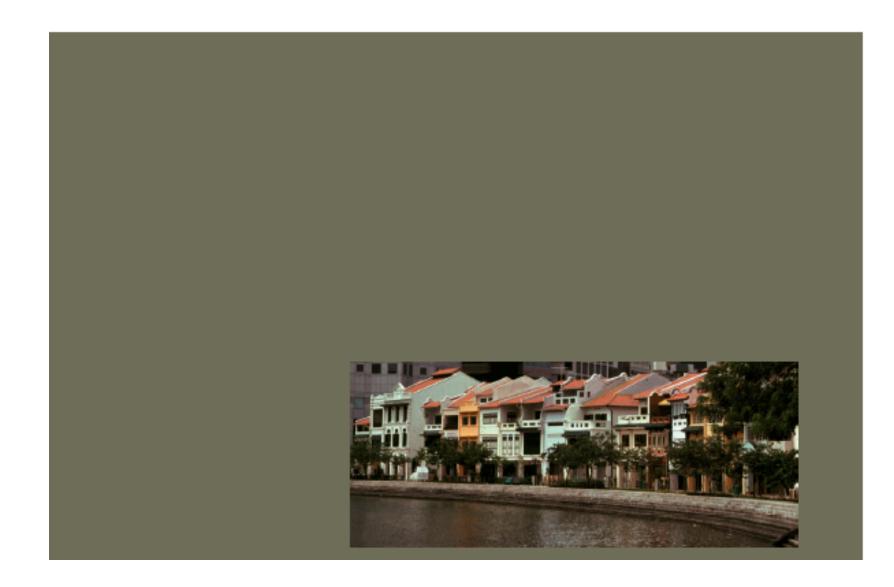
Environmental, economic & social terms Many of the same aspects make Cities both **liveable** and **sustainable**



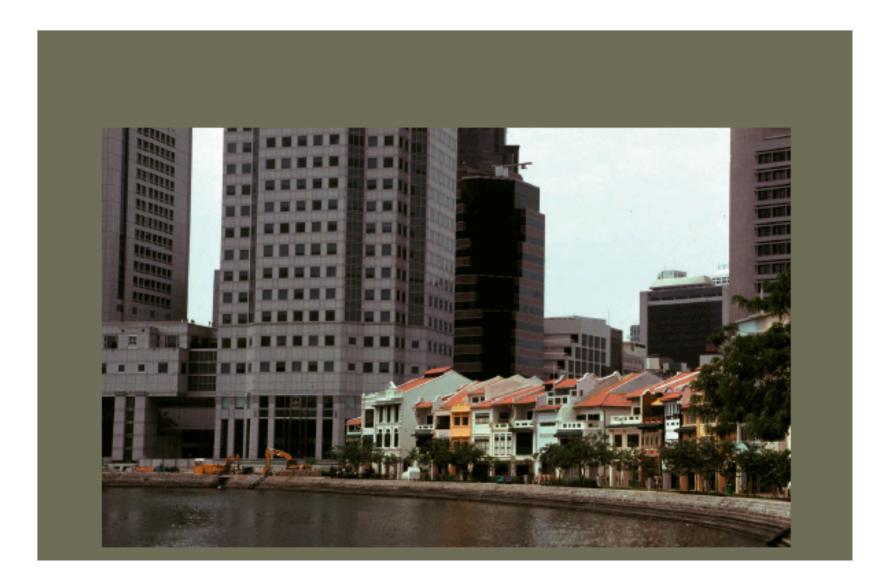
Many new Developments are unsuitable for People Activities



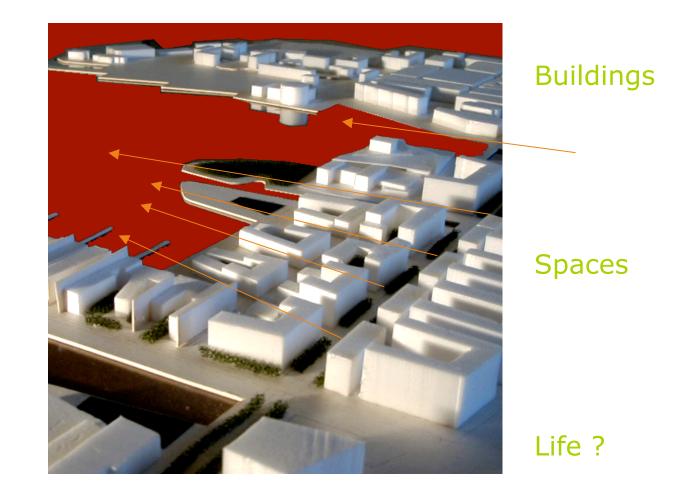
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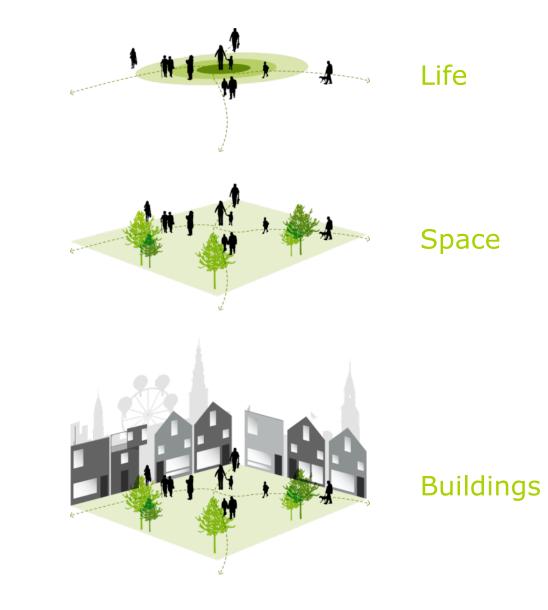


The traditional Planning Process



Planning for a Liveable City

Not only is new quality criteria required - but also a new planning process



When improving Life in Cities – we need to understand the Human Being



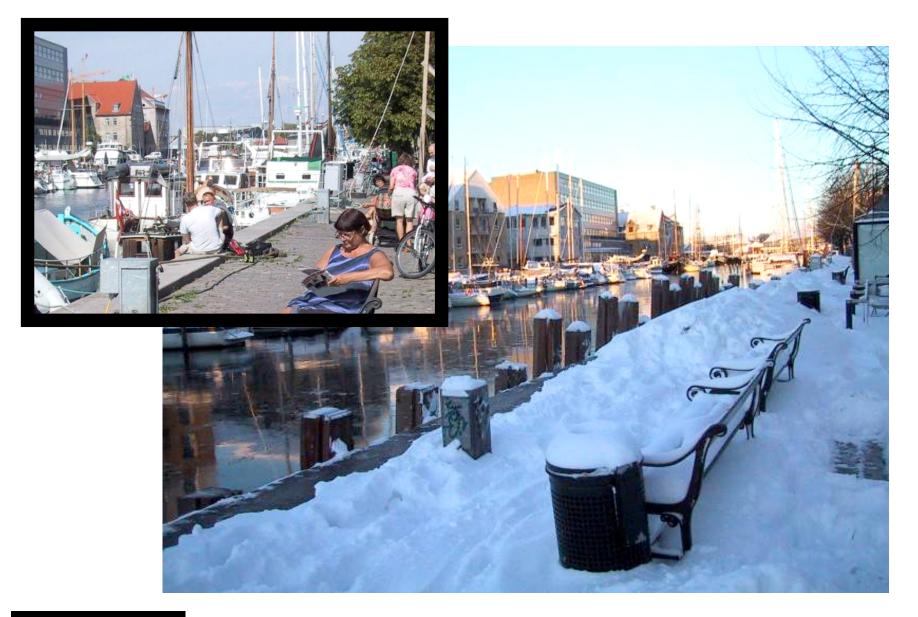
People choose Interaction and a Human Scale Environment



Cultures are different...



Climates are different...

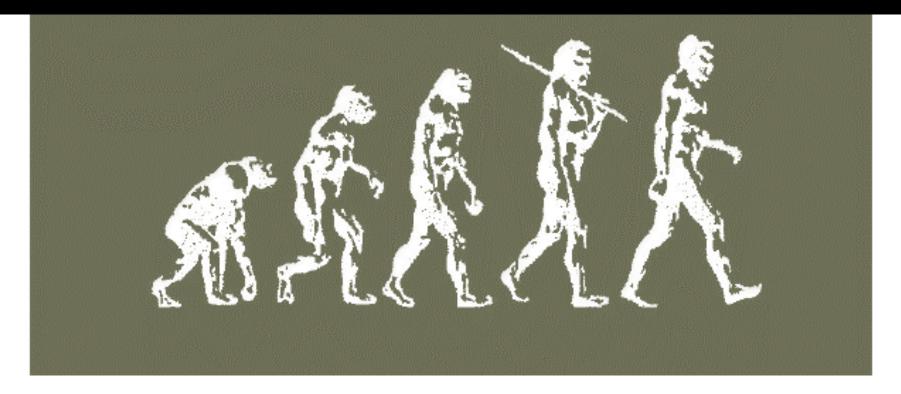


But the way People inhabit and use Space is universal



Quality Criteria for Space and Architecture must start with considering People

Man is a Walking Animal – Ground Speed 5 km/hour



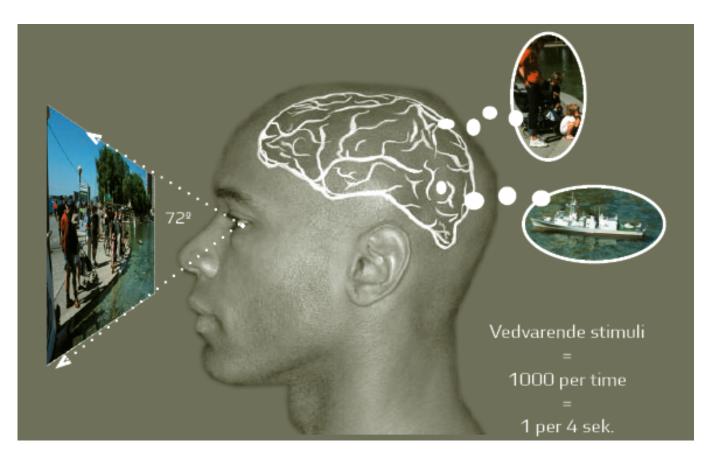


What makes Cities liveable?

We have to start with the Human Being

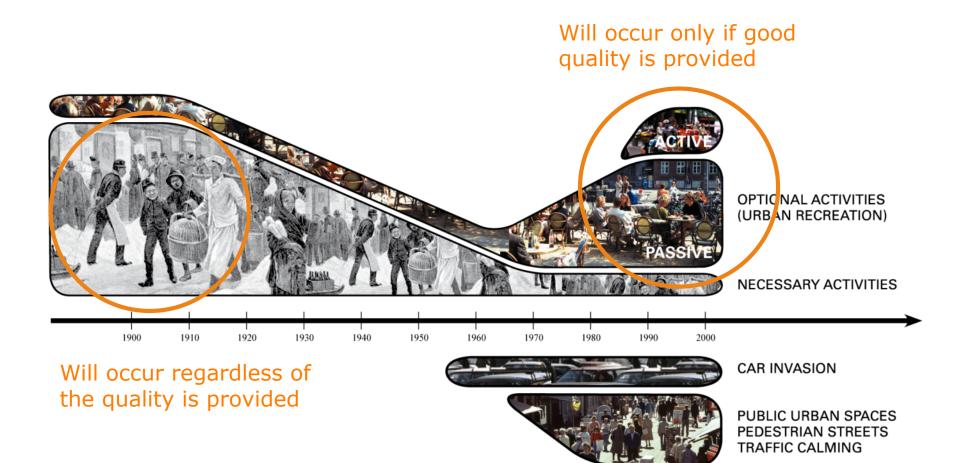
The way we operate, navigate, use and understand the Environment

We need to plan for People



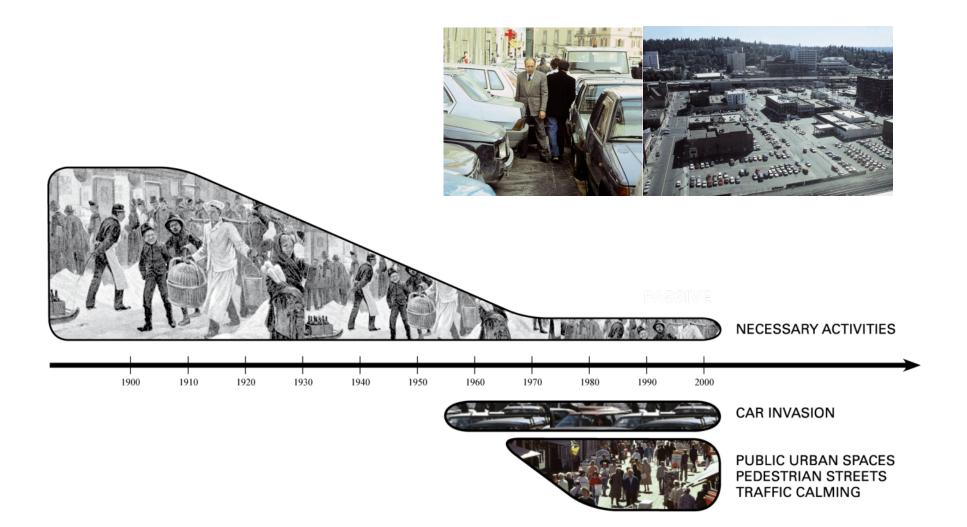
Why is Public Space important?

1900 to 2006: From necessary to optional activities in the Public Space



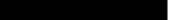


1900 to 2000: If Urban Quality is not provided...



We can design a City full of Sustainable Buildings



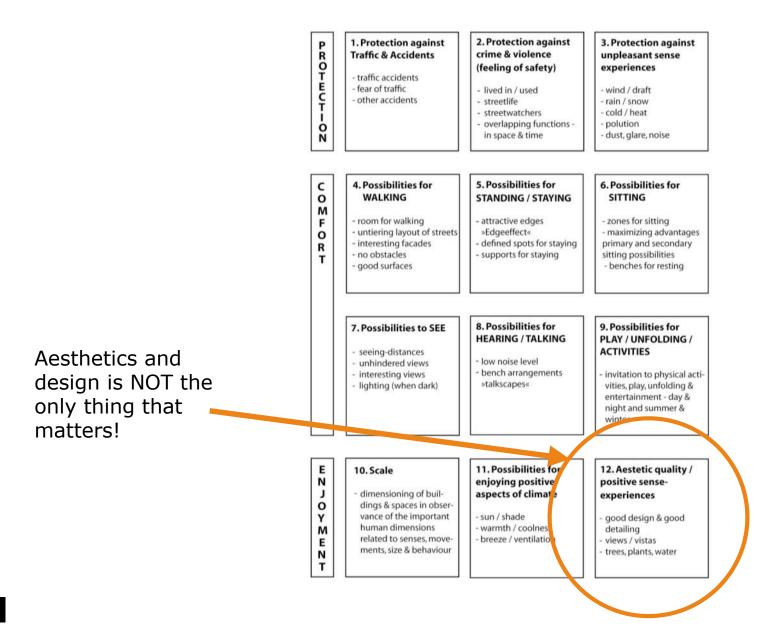


But it does not mean that the City is Sustainable



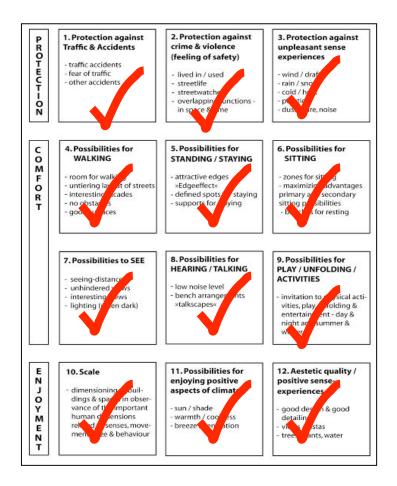
What is Urban Quality?

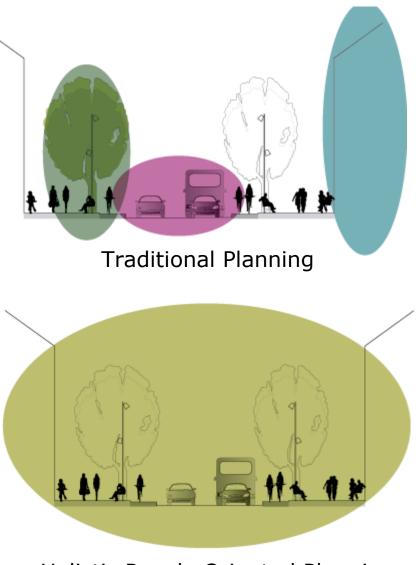
DESIGNING / DETAILING THE PUBLIC SPACES A KEY WORD LIST



Copenhagen had no grand Masterplan....

But a shared understanding of Urban Quality





Holistic People Oriented Planning





1962 First Pedestrian street



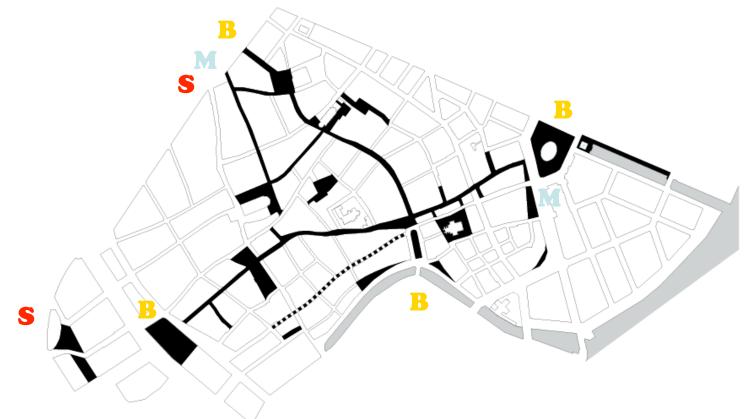
1973 Network of streets



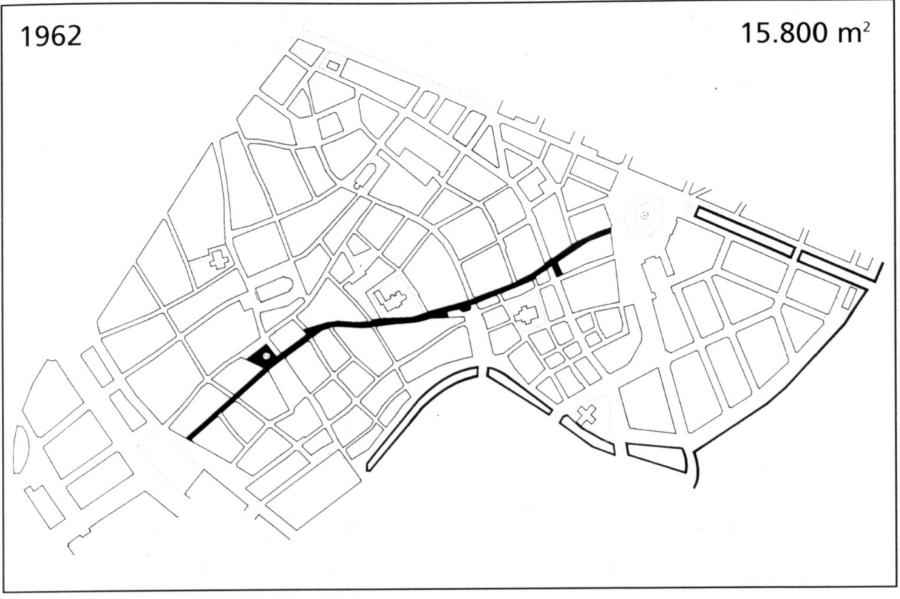
2006 More and more places to stay

Pedestrian areas today

99.770m2



Strøget - the first car-free street 1962



80.000 people per 24 hours in the summer

"Strøget" to day

Kultorvet - beforeand after



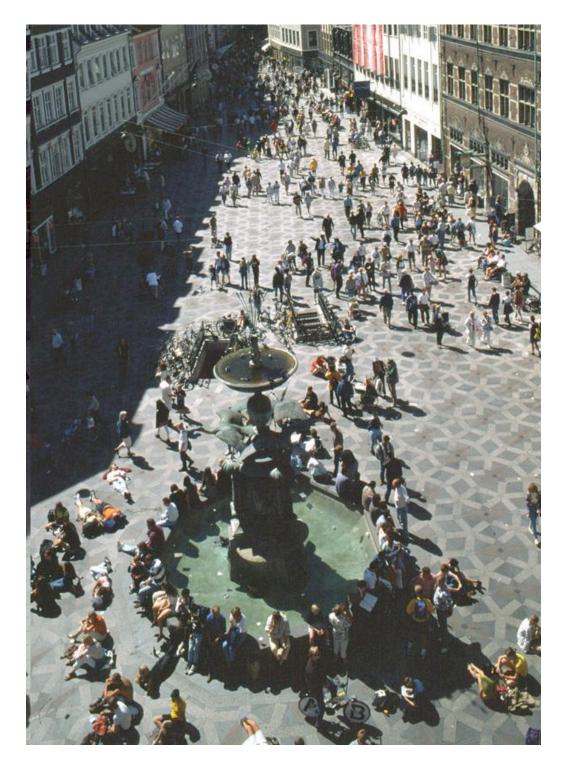
Nyhavn - beforeand after 1980





Strædet - beforeand after 1992





Amagertorv before latest renovation

.....and after 1993

Town Hall Square - before

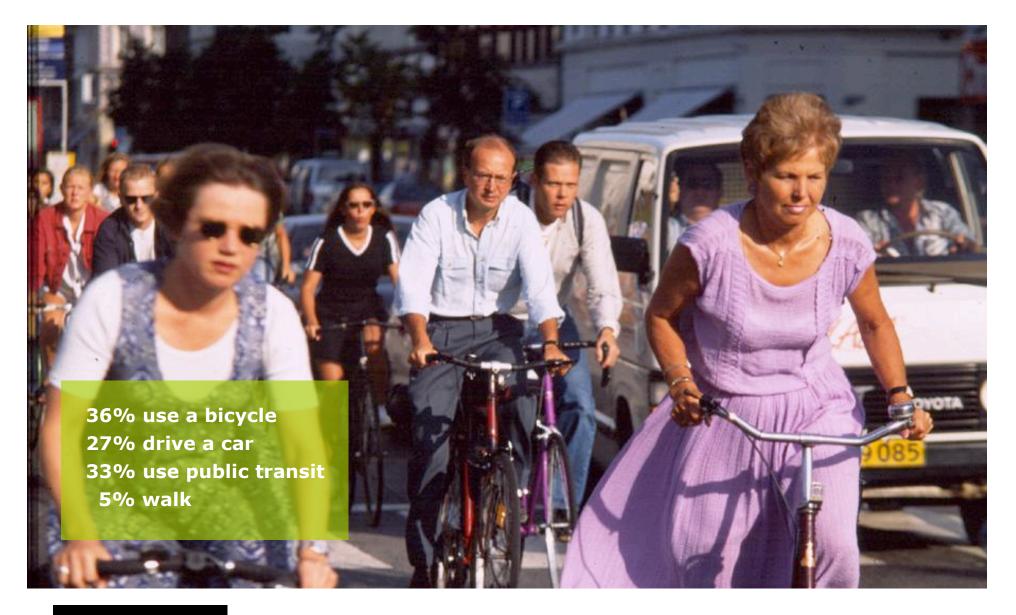
.....and after 1996



In Copenhagen Life is spreading!



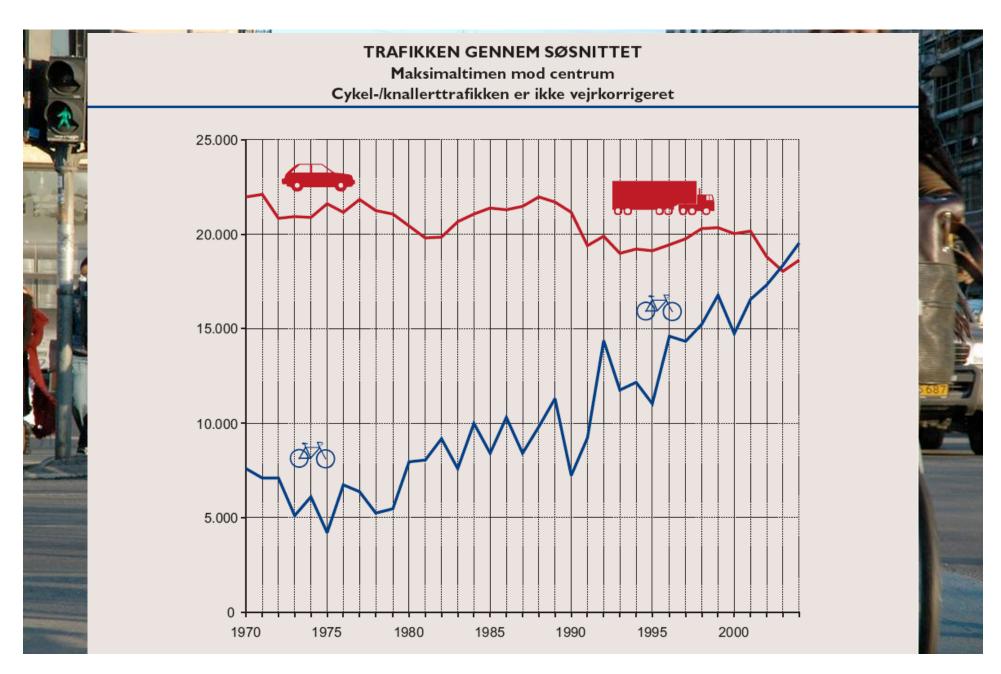
Not only in Café Latte Terms!



70% continue to bike in the Winter

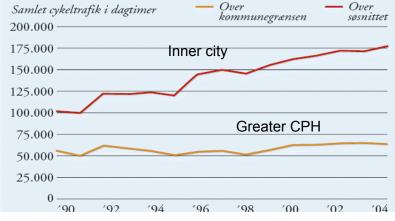


Bicycling has more than doubled in the last 30 years

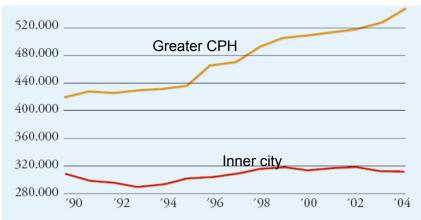


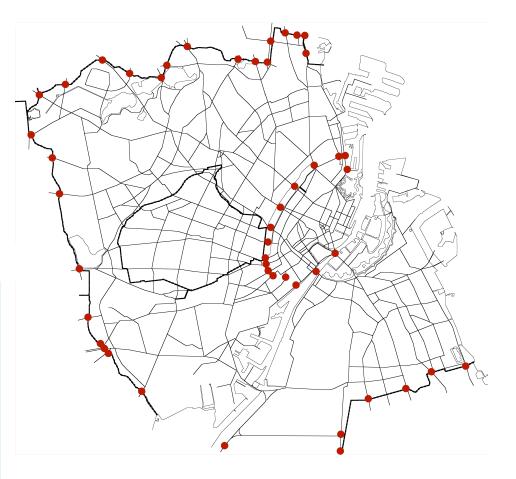
Car and cycle traffic development

Bicycles

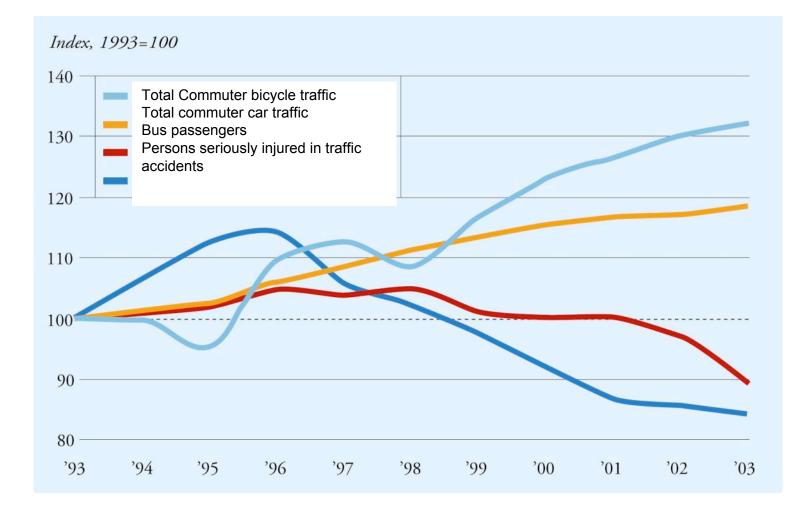








Transport development



Gaden - en del af byens sociale

Everybody cycles in Copenhagen









Most major Roads have been converted into two-lane roadswith bikelanes and medians

Gammel Kongevej _ Before

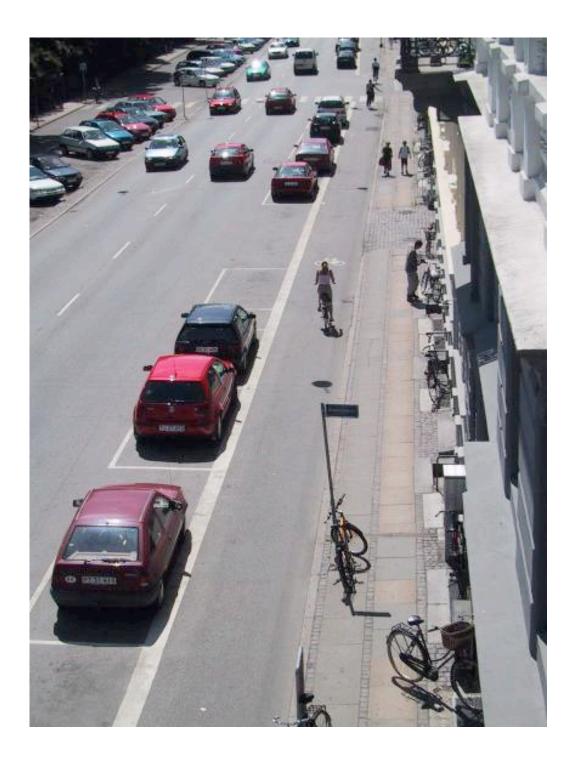
Gammel Kongevej
_ Under renovation _



Gammel Kongevej



Placement of cycle paths













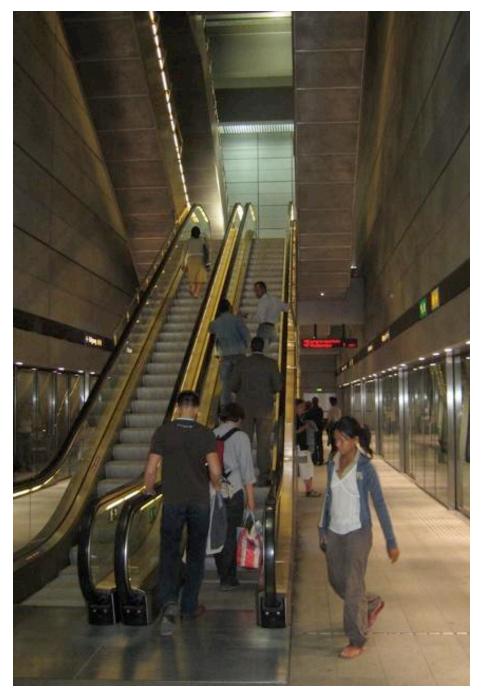




Investments in public transport







Metro stations planned for disabled in terms of lifts and one level access to trains – and with daylight on the platforms





A Sustainable Urban Culture

We must take People into account and change **Methodology, Design and Process Management** towards People Oriented and Sustainable Build Form

