SANDNES
HEALTHY CITY

- 56,000 inhabitants
- Part of a continuous conurbation of 190,000
- Strong expansion rate (pop. growth 2% per year)
- High car density
- Challenging topography
THE REGION OF NORD-JÆREN

• One of the most expansive regions in Norway due to a flourishing economy
• Lack of development areas not conflicting with valuable agricultural land and recreation areas
SANDNES BIKE CITY

Main goals

• Reduce car-driving both for the home-to-work journey and for recreation
• Make the town more friendly for cyclists
• Make more people use bicycle
• Promote use of cycle as main means of transport for as many inhabitants as possible
SANDNES BIKE CITY

Planning and building the main cycle path system for the city centre and for the outer neighbourhoods
SANDNES BIKE CITY

- Making a cycle map for Sandnes and the region.
- Planning and building parking stands for cyclists
- Planning recreation routes for cyclists
SANDNES BIKE CITY

- Planning and carrying through a free city bike system
- Constructing special bikes and electronic lock system
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- Campaigns for use of cycle
- Safety campaigns for school children
- Cycle to work campaigns
- Cycle tour suggestions
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Achievements

• 70 km cycle lanes
• 40 parking stands with 400 parking places
• 225 free city bykes
• Good and safe cycle environment
REGIONAL PLAN FOR NORD-JÆREN

- Contain urban sprawl into valuable agricultural areas by a permanent borderline
- Enhance urban density alongside local railway and future light-rail system
- Build a high % of new residential units inside existing built-up area
- Strong regional green area connecting towns together and to main recreation areas
Sandnes municipality’s policy regarding children

- Ensure children grow up under safe, stable and stimulating conditions
- Protect the interests of children in all planning
- Ensure priorities and measures are based on available knowledge of the wishes and needs of children
- Make arrangements for comprehensive solutions and cross-sector co-operation to achieve the best possible results for children
CHILDREN’S TRAILS

- Joint venture between Dept. of Culture, Dept. of Parks and Outdoor Environment and Dept. of Education.
- Funding from Ministry of Children and Family Affairs

**Purpose:** To involve children and to strengthen children’s interests in city planning
CHILDREN’S TRAILS

Method

• Children at all schools recorded on maps all kinds of informal play-areas, paths, trails

• All information was transformed into digital form and is available through the municipal mapping program

• Use of the information is a permanent routine in all physical planning
CHILDREN’S TRAILS

• The registration is a regular part of the “start package” handed out to estate developers at the start of their planning work.

• The registration is normally used by the children and youth’s representative during discussion of plans in political bodies.
Relationship between Municipal Development Plan and City Health Development Plan
Sandnes Healthy City
Democracy and Urban Governance

The Children’s City Council

Purpose:
• Include young people in local democracy
• Stimulate young people to participate in urban development
CHILDREN’S CITY COUNCIL

- Delegates from each primary and secondary school gather in the town hall to:
  - Make resolutions for a budget
  - Make proposals concerning the interests of the children in the city
CHILDREN’S CITY COUNCIL

- First time in Sandnes 17 April 1997
- NOK 100,000 administered by the children themselves (7 – 16 years)
- The children meet municipal politicians and members of the administration
- Each of the 27 schools elect two representatives
- The school councils of each school present their proposals
- The Mayor chairs the meeting
- One youth is “Deputy Mayor”
CHILDREN’S CITY COUNCIL

• **May/June:** Information to the schools
• **August/October:**
  – The classes prepare and prioritise proposals
  – The school councils make a joint list of priorities for the school
• **October 1:** Deadline for submitting prioritised proposals
• **October 15:** Deadline – opinions on “Sustainable development – Sandnes”
• **October:** The administration prepares an overview of all proposals
• **November 7:** The Children’s City Council
• **November/December:** Payment of funds/Implementation of initiatives
• **May:** Deadline for submitting reports and accounts
CHILDREN’S CITY COUNCIL

International cooperation
Exchange of experiences with leaders and students from cities/schools in Croatia, Latvia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Democracy project)