

DANISH BICYCLING CULTURE

- From COP15 to COP16



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During the COP15 meeting in Copenhagen last year we were working with bicycling culture at many places in and around Copenhagen. Especially using unique Danish bikes with functions similar to what you would expect of i.e. a car.

We had especially good experience with a mobile sound system built on the construction of a Christiania Bike, called the KarmaKanon. A sound system working from a CO2 neutral perspective - the system generates power by a bicycle generator and a solar panel – that brings the needed voltage for amplifying the sound.

We had such great success with showing a unique built sound system that supported a lot of small and big events to greater entertainment with music and speeches. Since we had so many good experiences during COP15 we would love to take this concept of spreading green technology and bicycling culture to COP16.

Since the COP15 meeting we have been collaborating further and have since participated at various events in Tivoli Gardens, Danish Ministry of Culture, Copenhagen Agenda21 Offices, Roskilde Festival, Co2 e-race, and last but not least during the VELO City Global Bicycling Conference in Copenhagen.

As the Danish Bicycling Culture is unique we are seeking to join events during the COP16 meeting days.

The Group and the KarmaKanon set-up can collaborate with all kinds of activities and events at COP16 – both official, unofficial, IGOs, NGOs, Grassroots, Local events and organizations, etc... Furthermore we have absolutely mobile freedom as we can drive and set up the system anywhere and of course without using any electricity. The whole system is constructed so that it uses a bicycle generator (that generates power when pedalling on the bike) and a solar panel to charge the battery inside the KarmaKanon.


Furthermore we have developed collaboration with Christiania Bikes who are developing their prototype of a Christiania Bike with an electrical bike generator equipped with a solar panel. While pedaling the system is charged, and being equipped with solar panels has the same function and benefit as the KarmaKanon system. We would therefore supply our concept with at least one of these electrical bikes that we can show and tell to all interested at COP16.

Beside the KarmaKanon set-up along with the Christiania bike, we will do our best to bring bicycles for the remaining group traveling to COP16. Some will be normal Danish bikes, and last but not least we will also be bringing a Bicycle Taxi for the groups' transportation needs, as well as a "show and tell" bike. The participants or initiators of the above-mentioned consist of 7 – 10 people from the bicycling, and Mexican community in Denmark.

Participants / Project Group:

Martha Velazques Keller, Project Manager - Mexican, 1955
Allan Gram, Project Manager - Danish, 1982
Kasper Johansen, Medic / Interpreter - Danish, 1982
Christopher Lux, Founder of KarmaKanon - Danish, 1976
Anders Rosenqvist, Founder of KarmaKanon - Danish, 1984
Martin Larsen, Danish Cycling Association / Council member of IFBMA,
& bicycle smith – Danish, 1972
Tif Foster Larsen, bicycle coordinator from Toronto – Canadian, 1972
Tippe Andersen, Project Assistant – Danish, 1988

Two within the group are fluent in Spanish, and the whole group is fluent in English, Danish, and furthermore at least two also in German.



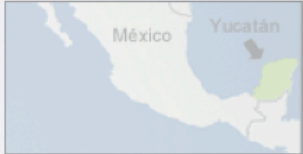
**KarmaKanon
& Danish Bicyclist**
- Caravan to COP16

Schedule:

- November 18 - Arrive at Merida
- November 20 - Event at Plaza Grande
- November 21 - Mérida - Holcomb
(stay over in Holcomb)
- November 22 - Fieldtrip to Chichén Itzá
"salute the sun"
- November 23 - Valladolid (stay over in Valladolid)
- November 24 - Event at the plaza in Valladolid.
- November 25 - Valladolid - Ny Xcan
- November 26 - Ny Xcan - Cancun / Puerto Morelos
- November 26 - December 12th

Stay in Cancun and participate at COP16 (var. events)

Participate at Klimaforum '10 in Puerto Morelos



In the process of going to Cancun we will work with Mexican based Altenergy to get official events in towns that we go through on our way to Cancun / Puerto Morelos. We would love to promote the idea of biking to Cancun, - i.e. getting local, International, Cultural, Environmental organizations or individuals to join the caravan ending at Cancun in time for the official opening of COP16, November 29th or to Klimaforum10 in Puerto Morelos November 26th.

The KarmaKanon can be used at speeches, general information, concerts or other similar events where sound has to be amplified.

We would love to be informed of any event during the COP16 meeting where we could assist or help with the presence of (Danish) Bicycling Culture and last but not least a mobile co2 neutral sound system for speeches, promotions or festivities. We can also assist with workshops and establishing networks with the purpose of building a local system in Mexico.

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Media:

Please find attached:

- Images of the KarmaKanon System, Bicycle Taxis as well as pictures from some of our activities including COP15.

For further information about the various organizations mentioned above, please go to:

COP16 & Klimaforum10

<http://www.cop16.com/>

<http://klimaforum10.org.mx>

Organization and collaboration partners

<http://www.karmakanonen.com>

<http://www.climatebottom.dk/>

<http://www.christianiabikes.com/>

<http://www.losnet.dk> / <http://gen.ecovillage.org/> (Global Ecovillage Network)

<http://www.dcf.dk/> (Danish Bicycling Association)

<http://www.altenergy.com.mx/>