the Culture of Cycling the Canals

Restoring the connection between Leeuwarden and it's countryside

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Cycling

In 2018 Leeuwarden and Fryslan will be visited by over 4 mln visitors during the year of European Capital of Culture. The Province of Fryslan, Leeuwarden and the Fryslan Bike Foundation company Bolsward has the plan to offer 2018 bicycles. The focus on cycling could be exploited to encourage visiting, not only the centre but also locally, bottom-up organised events in the whole city and countryside. Cycling is part of Frysian culture and a healthy, clean, adventurous and social way of moving around. It may contribute to a more sustainable development of the city in the future.

Batavus offering bicycles to the city

The value of cycling

Canals

Cycling is worth investing in. Improvement of cycling infrastructure provide a new impulse to the cycling culture. The Canals of Leeuwarden are a unique asset to the city and can be a connection from the city centre towards the countryside. Cycling along canals could lead to opportunities for 'intuitive navigation' and strengthen the 'hodological effect' during the route. Furthermore, along the canals the historic and contemporary story of Leeuwarden and Fryslan could be told.

Intuitive navigation

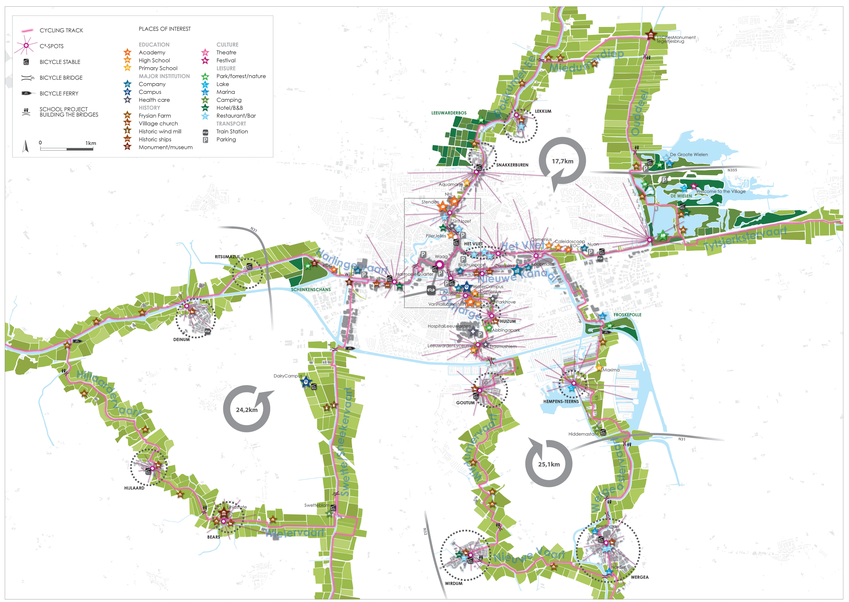
The hodological effect

The story of Leeuwarden

Culture

UK02018 and the cycling routes could be used as a leverage for place making along the canals. Much major cultural events and interventions are planned in the countryside during the year 2018. The canals offer themselves to visitors by creating cultural places of interest. Local events will be 'fuelled' by visitors on the bicycle. Meeting between local people and visitors will take place everywhere along the water. By this the bottom up strategy Leeuwarden is focussing on, is stimulated and 'structured'.

The event as leverage for place making


CYCLING TRACK
C*SPOTS
BICYCLE STABLE
BICYCLE BRIDGE
BICYCLE FERRY
SCHOOL PROJECT BUILDING THE BRIDGES
PLACES OF INTEREST
EDUCATION
Academy
High School
Primary School
MAJOR INSTITUTION
Company
Campus
Health care
HISTORY
Frysian Farm
Village church
Historic wind mill
Historic ships
Monument/museum
CULTURE
Theatre
Festival
LEISURE
Park/forest/nature
Lake
Marina
Camping
Hotel/B&B
Restaurant/Bar
TRANSPORT
Train Station
Parking
0
1km
17,7km
24,2km
25,1km
LEEUWARDERPOORT
LEKKUM
GRAKNÉBUREN
De Stroomende Wielen
KNIJPBRUG
Kanaal van Prins Hendrik
De Vlaauw
Fonteinplein
Prinsentuin
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