

ELARD 30 years  
Halmstad, Sweden

## Startups & communities

*Peter Plant*

*Chairman, Torup Ting*

*Torup, Denmark*

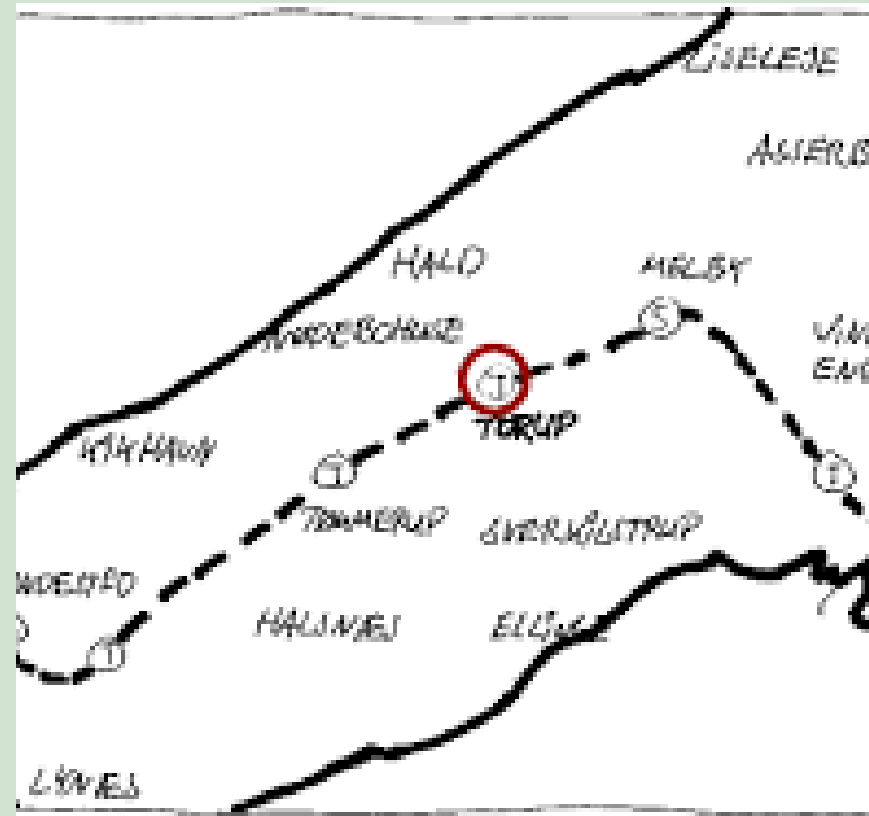
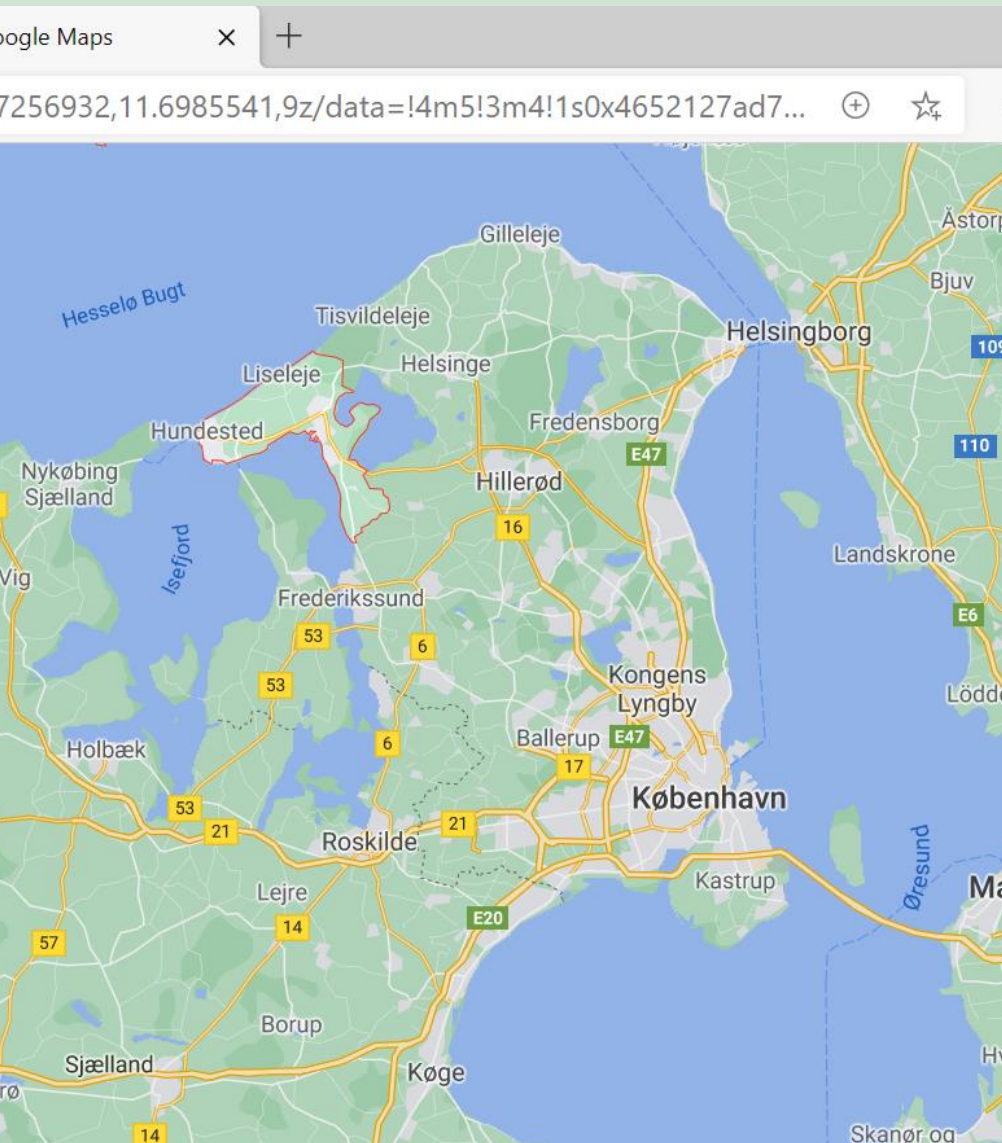
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# What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world  
I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world  
The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do  
They're really saying I love you  
I hear babies crying, I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world  
Yes I think to myself what a wonderful world

*George Weiss / Robert Thiele*

# On the map: 356 people





# LAG Halsnæs-Gribskov: Local Action Group

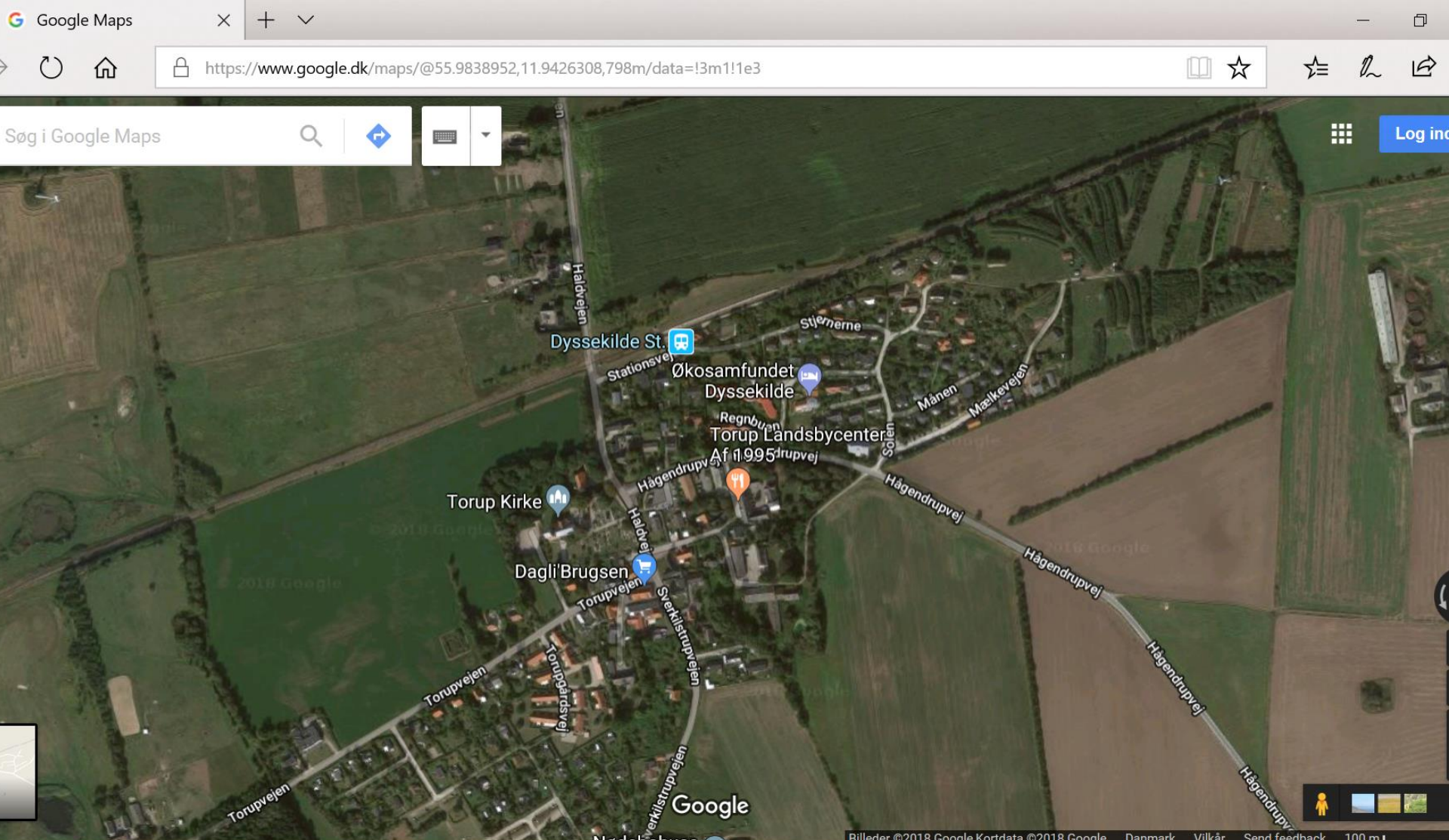
Torup projects include village doctor, co-working spaces, shop, restaurant, bakery, alternative transport, common meeting house

*Growth strategy aligns with EU's 2030 goals:*

- Intelligent
- Sustainable
- Inclusive



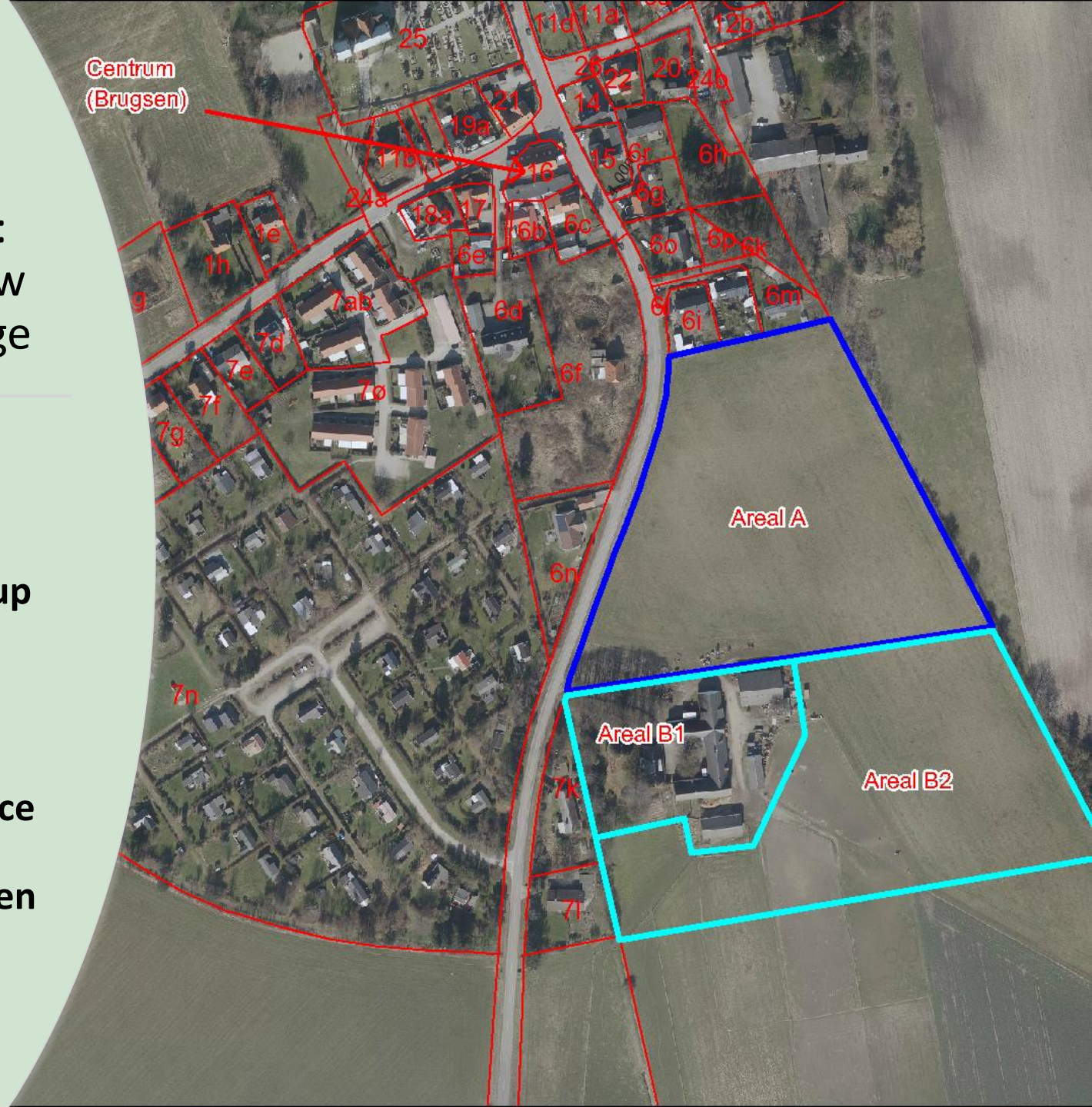
Railway station, school(s), kindergarten, COOP/stores, church, assembly hall, restaurant, baker, 2nd hand bookstores, open/people's university, music hall, music festival, doc films, climbing wall, farming, farmers' market, local council



Centrum  
(Brugsen)

## Strategy & SR21: Hvideland, a New part of the Village

- 5 HA: 96 new homes = 250 newcomers
- Initiated by Torup Ting (planning)
- Driven by Torupfonden
- Space for small enterprises/office space
- New kindergarten



# Creating a local fund

- Registered legal entity
- EUR 40.000 to create the ground capital
- Crowdfunding: 5 weeks
- Basis for bank-loan
- Security: building lots (2x48) + farm buildings
- Local planning
- Business spaces: 2 companies, so far







Building on  
30 years' of  
engaging  
experience:  
Ecovillage,  
Torup

# Local democracy: Torup Ting

*Tinge* [thing] in old norse: to *negotiate*



# Engaging communities

Upcycling old buildings:  
Dyssekilde Station





Dyssekilde Station restored (2011-12):  
**private funds, crowdfunding, Realdania,**  
**EU's Local Action Group + voluntary work**  
*Torup Bogby (2<sup>nd</sup> hand books), co-*  
*working (offices), Torup Market*  
*(farmers' market), Dyssekilde*  
*Stationshave (common garden), Sykkel*  
*(alternative transport), Torup Repair*  
*Cafe (recycling)*

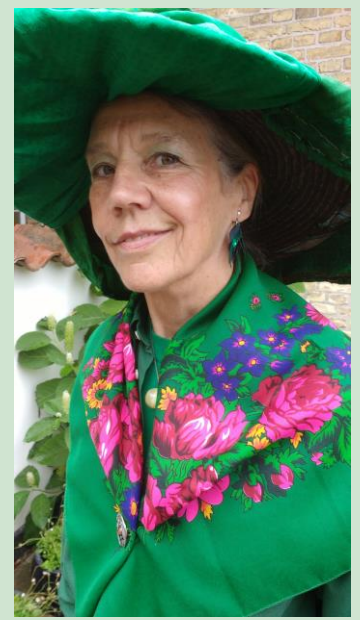
# Start-ups at Dyssekilde Station: Media Group (locals), Cider (local) Automation (Norway), Certification (USA)



# Crowdfunding & civil society: bottom-up action



Rural life:  
all  
dressed  
up



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