



Regency Society Conversation

Our ‘Charitable objects’

- 1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and built environment of the city of Brighton and Hove and the surrounding area
- 2) To advance the education of the public in the history, conservation, protection and improvement of this physical and built environment.

Angela Devas

For our evolving city

- How do we want Brighton and Hove to evolve?
- The climate emergency is here. How can the Regency Society help make Brighton and Hove a sustainable city?
- How does this fit in with our objects as a society?

Past evolutions

Asda car park, Marina



Is this a good use of space?



Could this be a garden? Belmont, Brighton



Red Lion Square Gardens

Pocket garden behind hotel



Saltdean

Virtually no tree cover



Despite lots of grass verges
and empty spaces



Lambeth, London Scheme to revitalise small places



Before

Now

Streets

Who are they for?



Streets are strictly for parked cars
Why?
Evolution or regression?



Children playing in Gorinchem, Netherlands



Woonerf, Netherlands

A liveable Dutch street



Loving our city

- Brighton – in parts - is beautiful.
- How do we envisage policies that encourage all of us – residents, tourists, visitors, people to look around and engage with the beauty of our city?
- How can we make our city fit for flâneurs? People who want to stroll and gaze and wonder?
- And fit for busy people, whizzing off to work or meetings, walking hurriedly, jogging, pushing prams, in wheelchairs and on bicycles?
- All of us benefit from beautiful open spaces, greenery, trees nature and active travel

Amsterdam Before and After



Radical re-imagining of Paisley town centre

BBC news 24 Jan 2020



The role of the Regency Society

- What sort of city do we want?
- How will we, as a society, tackle the climate emergency?
- How will we get more trees planted?
- How do we establish pocket parks?
- How do we introduce transport policies that actively encourage walking and strolling?
- And cycling?

Thank you

- Enjoy the discussions!

But first...

here's John's slides...

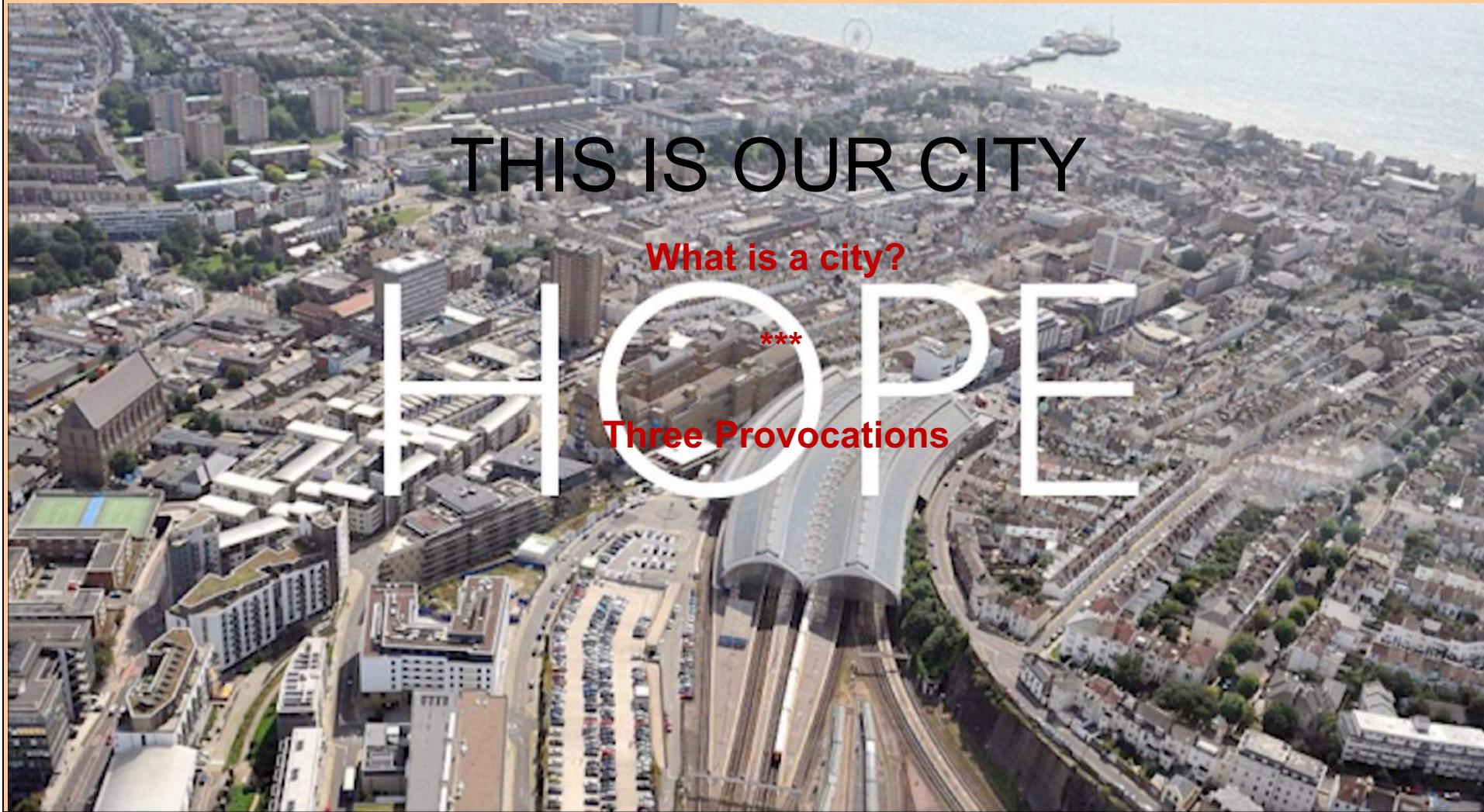
John McKean

“Think Global – Act Local”

A city for people
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“Think Global – Act Local”





What is a city?

1. The city in the world:

NY lowest carbon footprint

'green means urban'
'gentle densification'
'adapt and intensify existing buildings'

Regency Society President, 1 Feb 2020 on
'Building Better Building Beautiful'

**Key indicator of happiness is
'intensity of human experience'**

Space Syntax research over years, Architectural Review May 2019

**City is good
Make it better!**



What is a city?

2. The World in the city:

A place of chance encounter and of planned meeting

A place for people where vehicles are guests

A place of retreat and of neighbourliness

A place with complex movement systems for complex human behaviours

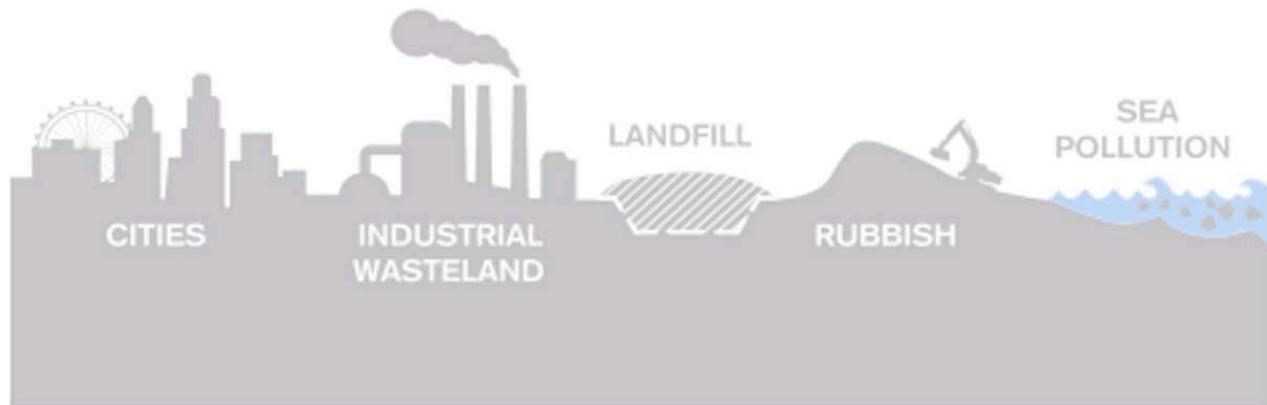
Essentially a place which is walkable

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Never demolish another building





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- 2. For our enjoyment on the planet**
- 1. For the good of the planet**

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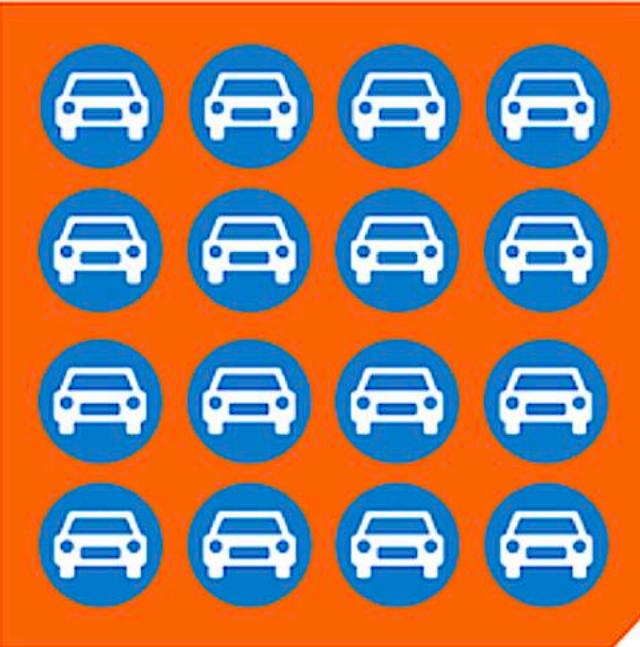
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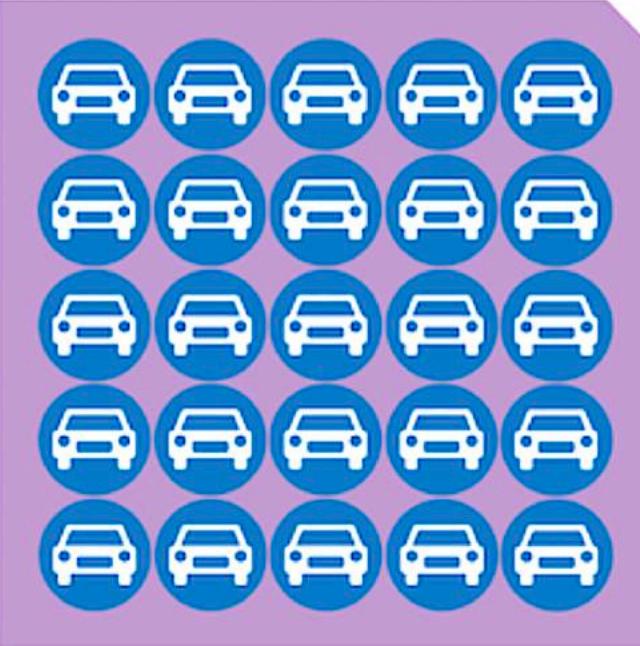


Two-wheel takeover
cars for the first time

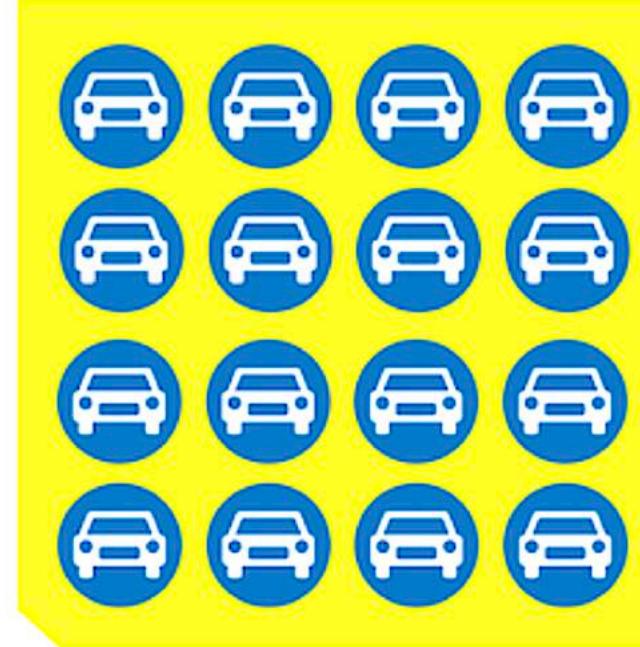
Life with cars.



Life with autonomous cars.



Life with electric cars.

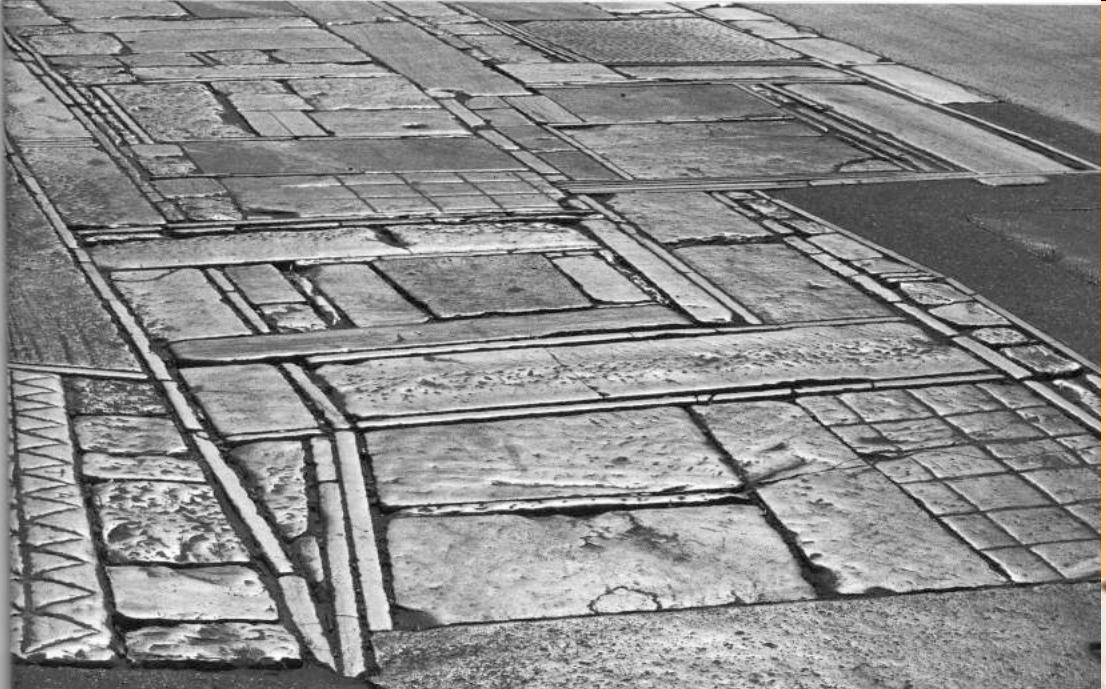


Life in a modern city.



Provocation Two

Citizens seed ally a thievocracy



Provocation Three

Cities need an active citizenry

caring for the whole city:
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“By spending resources and designing cities in a way that values everyone's experience, we can make cities that help us all get stronger, more resilient, more connected, more active and more free. We just have to decide who our cities are for. And we have to believe that they can change.”

(Happy City: Transforming Our Lives Through Urban Design Charles Montgomery)



Success comes when led by the citizens
In theory, women's bathrooms should be
at least three times the size.





THE BEGINNING

Conversation 1

***How would we like our city to
change for the better?***

Some key issues from Conversation 1:

- Most tables support a ‘green’ agenda: support for fewer cars, more trees, traffic free streets: focus on pedestrians
- Not so sure about not knocking down buildings
- We want more open spaces
- Heritage – how do we get the community to care?
- We need more leadership with clear vision
- We need more coherent policies
- More personal responsibility for areas around where we live
- More park and ride
- More shared space
- Action on graffiti and litter
- There is a lot we like about our city!

Conversation 2

What should the Regency Society do about it?