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#WILDERNESS : A NEW PUBLIC SPACE CREATED IN SECRECY

#LZSB AND NESTER DECIDED TO BUILD A TREEHOUSE (WITH THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS) IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY OF KORTRIJK. THE TREEHOUSE IS BUILT ON 'WASTELAND' ALONGSIDE THE RIVER LEIE. THE PROPERTY IS A FORGOTTEN JEWEL OF THE CITY, UNKNOWN TO MOST CITY DWELLERS, YET CLEARLY VISIBLE AND ALONG A BUSY CYCLING ROUTE.

WE HOPE TO HAVE CONVERTED THIS WASTELAND INTO A NEW KIND OF PUBLIC SPACE. PEOPLE CAN MEET IN A QUIET NATURAL PLACE WHERE NATURE HAS TAKEN OVER. CHILDREN (AND ADULTS) CAN PLAY WILD & UNREGULATED IN THE GREEN SURROUNDINGS. WE NAMED THE PLACE "WILDERNESS".

A TREEHOUSE RESEMBLES WHAT WE ENVISIONED AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT; DREAMING, EXPERIMENTING, CONSTRUCTING AND PLAYING. AND SINCE WE WERE BUILDING ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER LEIE, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY OF KORTRIJK, WE DECIDED TO BASE THE DESIGN OF THE TREEHOUSE ON A 'FLAX CHAPEL'. THE HARVESTED FLAX TURNED OUR RIVER INTO A GOLDEN COLOR AND WAS USED TO MAKE LINNEN. THE PRODUCTION OF LINNEN WAS A KEY MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR RIVER AND REGION.



FACTS:

DESIGN: NESTER BUILT BY: A GROUP OF FRIENDS AND ARBORISTS WORKS ON SITE : 2 DAYS PREPARATORY WORKS: 8 WEEKS FROM IDEA TO REALISATION (APRIL-JUNE 2015) LOCATION: CITY OF KORTRIJK, BELGIUM, EUROPE COSTS: BLOOD, SWEAT, DEFINITELY NO TEARS AND ABOUT 700€ IN NEW MATERIALS

#LZSB EXPERIMENTS IN AND WITH PUBLIC SPACE - MOSTLY ON CARGOBIKES NESTER BUILDS TREEHOUSES AND PRACTICES ARBORISM WWW.LZSB.BE WWW.NESTER.BE

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