

## **5. Public attitudes - public awareness toward wind energy in Denmark**

According to a survey from 1993 four out of five Danes found that RE should have a higher priority - 82 % were in favour of more wind energy.

Syddy in Denmark is one of the places in the world with highest wind energy penetration per inhabitant, 58 % g'have shares in a wind turbine. One of the bricks in the picture is that people who own shares in a wind turbine are significantly more positive about wind power than people having no economic interest. See the below text.

In recent years we have had some resistance towards wind turbines in Denmark - however it seems to be most against large single-man owned wind turbines, which have become the typical owner-form( see chapter 2). However I do not have any scientific prove for this. And it seems that there is very little resistance if good rules are followed concerning distance, information for neighbours etc. Also it seem that if there is local benefit from wind energy - either through local ownership, or work/occupation-wise - then there seems to be a positive attitude towards local projects. It is said that on Lolland, where they have many land-based wind turbines, and is going to have a large off shore farm - there the attitude has grown much more positive after Vestas placed there blade factory there. That means work for 500 people in a typical unemployment area around an old shipyard from which people have been sacked.This give an economic lift for half the island, and make many more islanders positive that exactly the 500 working on Vestas. It seems that the benefits from the industry have influence on the attitude towards the wind turbines. .

In Denmark wind energy has given so much positive to society by means of several thousands employees which is an advantage to as well the localities where the manufacturers are sited as for the whple society. It has also given economic injection to small towns/societies where the throw off from the wind turbines electricity production means a lift in the living conditions.

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