

## **DISTRIKTS**

*One page of each of the six distrikts needing a pithy one line (say 20 word) summary and longer 50-100 word flavour text.*

### **Avantgrid**

*A society of survivalists, loners and hermits living out in the woods- alone, together.*

Budding off the side of Witness's collection of high-tech conurbations is the archipelago of Avantgrid, an artificial wilderness designed as a playground for rich game hunters. Today it is a survivalist's paradise, its thick forests scattered with isolated log cabins governed by a loose live-and-let-live consensus. There is very little here in terms of infrastructure, manufacturing, economy or power generation, but everything produced here gets used, re-used and recycled.

### **Hygge**

*Providing for everyone's needs, no matter how much bureaucracy it takes.*

On paper Hygge gets everything right- and Hygge makes sure that everything is down on paper. Every citizen has their basic needs met- accommodation, power, water, food, healthcare. Nobody goes without. The economy as a whole, thanks to prudent public investment, shows steady if unexciting growth.

Hygge is stable and prepared for every foreseeable eventuality- but can they adapt to unforeseeable?

### **Assembly**

*Working together, our collective can achieve anything- if we feel like it.*

The Assembly is the ultimate artistic collective, with no need for archaic, centralised structures that place power in the hands of a few. Instead of taxation, there is crowdfunding. Instead of banks, there is a form of socialised blockchain. The Assembly is a place where each individual is expected to be a polymath, working collectively for the common good. But issues that can't summon public interest are at risk of neglect.

### **The Covenant**

*Monastic life for Industry 4.0.*

The Covenant is an enormous floating monastery, and in terms of economic productivity it outstrips Witness's most intense industrial collectives and its most laissez-faire capitalists. The Covenants fraternities and sororities are inspired by the Benedictine tradition, working to bring themselves closer to serenity, and to ensure the economic sustainability of the Covenant itself. The wealth of that work goes not towards the owners of production, or to be parcelled out piecemeal among the workers themselves, but to the ultimate glory of God.

## **The Dandelion Republic**

*From each according to what the algorithm says is their ability, to each according to what big data says they need.*

The Dandelion Republic was founded to answer the question, could the omnipresent data gathering of early 21<sup>st</sup> century life be used for something better than generating wealth for capitalists? Citizens' purchases, travel, online browsing and social communications are tracked by advanced algorithms to predict individual needs and broader distrikt-wide trends, while surpluses are identified and distributed fairly among the populace.

## **Libria**

*In this libertarian paradise the best government is no government at all.*

Libria has no government, and the distrikt's extremely thin book of laws are exclusively concerned with the respect, protection and enforcement of individual and corporate property rights. These are enforced by Libria's Watchmen, to prevent theft, violence, fraud and breach of contract.

In Libria the social contract is precisely that- not something handed down from the government, but something agreed between individuals. Infrastructure is managed through a mix of start-ups and corporate monopolies. Industries are regulated through the invisible hand of the market.