WAKING UP TO POISONOUS AIR

The air throughout north Camden is toxic. And, for most of us, illegal.

Camden Green Party and citizen activists measured nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) levels in 75 locations across north Camden in the autumn of 2015.

Our scientific study, using methods recommended by DEFRA, shows average NO₂ levels over a year measured in micrograms/ cubic metre (ug/m²).

The World Health Organisation and the European Union say breathing more than 20 ug/m² is dangerous and more than 40 ug/m² is illegal.

NO₂ - THE KILLER

According to a 2015 study by King’s College London, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) contributes, with fine particles in the air, to nearly 9,500 deaths in London each year – more than smoking. NO₂ damages your breathing, especially if you’re asthmatic. Studies show some London children are growing up with smaller lungs. NO₂ also damages your heart and circulation.

Over 20 = DANGEROUS
Over 40 = ILLEGAL