**Air Pollution**

It‘s already known that air pollution contributes to respiratory and heart disease but for a long time the WHO’s cancer agency has ranked the air we breathe – alongside tobacco - asbestos – and other major causes – of lung cancer

Scientists from the International Agency for Research on cancer analyzed more than a thousand studies worldwide providing evidence for their findings – the agency cited data indicating that in 2010 some 223 000 deaths from lung cancer were caused by exposure to outdoor air pollution – the research also demonstrated a link to a slightly higher risk of bladder cancer – so the research means that what commuters have long suspected – cyclists – pedestrians – mothers with pushchairs – has now been scientifically proven – that the air around us is carcinogenic – potentially extremely harmful – in a city like London where emissions are tightly regulated – the risk from getting cancer from walking about is small – in developing giants like China and India however it’s a hazardous factor of everyday life – will the fact that nearly everybody on the planet is exposed to outdoor pollution prompt the government to adopt stricter controls