

## **ADEPT Street Lighting Working Group update January 2024**

The Street Lighting Group met on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as an on-line meeting via TEAMS.

The meeting was well attended. The chair, Keith Tovee, welcomed everyone.

The standing agenda item of Health and Safety discussed the importance of safety alerts. The consensus of the group was that safety alerts are not being issued as messages are being passed through social media, linkedin etc. The group discussed which organisation should manage safety alerts for the lighting industry and this is to be investigated.

A presentation was given by Ian David on the National Underground Asset Register (NUAR). The project has been underway for 2 years and has the aim of standardising and sharing of asset data. There is an aspiration to make providing this information mandatory and to widen access to the NUAR. To put some context to the importance of this, Ian advised that there are 4 million buried pipes and cables in the UK and each year 4 million excavations are carried out and there are 60,000 accidental strikes on underground assets. The platform is now live in England and Wales; Northern Ireland will be included later, and Scotland already has its own established system.

Live Labs 2: Decarbonising Local Roads in the UK 2. An update was provided as the two main tests beds are underway.

Energy price increases were discussed and stability we saw in the Autumn 2023 has continued with predicted prices for Summer 2024 being lower than anticipated. However, there are concerns about whether this will continue with increasing conflicts worldwide which may have an impact.

Recruitment and retention are still a concern across both Local Authorities and contractors.

The group continued the discussion about the provision of standard guidance on attachments and Michael Levack is to discuss with the HEA.

Regional updates were provided and feedback from national meetings: UMSUG, HEA, ILP, Lighting Technical Forum, BCS, UK Lighting Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.