

ADEPT Street Lighting Working Group update September 2019

The Lighting Group met on 19th September at the City of London offices in Guildhall.

The chairman welcomed Simon Hobbs of Electrical Testing who had been asked to speak to members on the new document GN22 titled Asset Toolkit for Minor Structures (AToMS). Reference to this document was mentioned in a previous report, but Simon's brief was to give an opinion from the end user perspective.

Simon gave a short introduction into the document and then went on to show examples of the toolkit and its spreadsheet which when populated gives the user a calculated condition indicator for the authority's minor structures. He showed how the results can be used to compare equipment on a column-to-column/ward-to-ward etc. basis and could even be used to compare the CCI between adjacent Local Authorities.

Simon however did point out that as GN22 was a very recent document there were some areas that had produced anomalies and told members that he had raised these with the relevant authors of the document.

The meeting then went on to discuss the agenda items, one of which highlighted a problem that had been encountered in Northern Ireland in which the cut out which is the initial point of entry for electricity, had shown a number of units where the brass terminal block had cracked. Discussion on this matter could only conclude that either the cut outs from the manufacturer Lucy, had come from a faulty batch or that they had been over tightened. Lucy are investigating this.

The matter of representation was next on the agenda. Sue Kinsella from Kent was nominated and accepted the post of Vice Chairman. The meeting then was informed the position with respect to representation from Wales and Scotland who did not feel they needed to attend as they held their own national meetings which were reported to the UKLB. It was agreed that the invitation to the meeting would continue and that the minutes would be sent to both parties.

With regard to regional meetings the regional representatives expressed concern that it was difficult to get members of their respective regions to attend. There were of course exceptions to this with one or two reporting good attendance.

Hannah Bartram gave a report on behalf of the Engineering Board of the results of a recent survey carried out to look at the effectiveness and possible changes to ADEPT working practices. On the subject of attendance at regional meetings Hannah agreed to look into this and report to the next meeting.

On other matters, Ian Moore agreed to report on the upcoming HEA conference. Members also noted that they continued to get enquiries in FOI requests re: 5G. Ian Moore undertook to send out some FAQ's that he had put together on this subject.

The date of the next meeting was agreed for the 19th March 2020 at the City of London offices.