## **ADEPT Street Lighting Working Group update September 2023**

The Street Lighting Group met on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 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 HSE annual campaign was also discussed – this year HSE inspectors will be conducting inspections of construction sites, focusing on the health risks of moving and handling materials - the campaign runs for 8 weeks from 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The ongoing energy price increases were discussed but pressure on prices appears to have stabilised and have settled at between 30p/kWh and 40p/kWh for winter 2023.

The group expressed concerns at the ongoing shortage of experienced personnel in the industry and the need to ensure succession planning is in place to replace those due to leave the industry. The HEA and ILP are working hard to promote introducing younger people to the industry.

Representation at the ADEPT street lighting working group was discussed and concerns raised that when a local authority representative leave, replacements are not forthcoming.

The group discussed the increase in demand for attachments to be installed on streetlights and it was agreed that standard guidance on attachments would be beneficial to all local authorities.

Live Labs 2: Decarbonising Local Roads in the UK 2. Karl Rourke gave an interesting and informative presentation on the progress of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council: High visual efficiency for low carbon lighting - decarbonising street lighting project.

<u>Live Labs 2 blog - East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Decarbonising Street Lighting project | ADEPT (adeptnet.org.uk)</u>