

## **ADEPT Street Lighting Working Group update September 2021**

The Lighting Group met on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as an on-line video meeting.

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

The meeting opened with a discussion about safety alerts and near misses. Again, it had been reported that protestors attaching signs to street furniture were fixing razor blades or craft knife blades to the rear of them presumably to injure anybody removing them.

Concern was expressed regarding proposed cycling infrastructure works in Scotland where funders were insisting that lighting be provided even when a risk assessment carried out by a lighting professional, or an environmental study advised it was not necessary. This is at odds with councils' carbon reduction plans and concerns were also expressed regarding recently introduced national cycling guidance in this area.

The biggest concern is about supply chain issues and the global materials shortages. There is volatility in material prices and in energy markets. As almost all lighting is now LED, most of the components and finished goods arrive from the far east. These are experiencing severe delays and massing transit cost increases. As a result these issues are likely to affect delivery of projects and budgets.