Southern Counties Soils & Materials Engineers’ Group meeting 10 April 2018

The meeting opened with a report on material trials with MacRebur ‘plastic’ additives in Cumbria, followed by a discussion on the need for an ADEPT local amendment to the DMRB suite of documents.

Reports were presented by members sitting on several BSI committees, including:

* BS510/1 Asphalt products – PD6692 Guidance on Testing Bituminous Materials is now out for publication
* **B510/2 Surface dressing and Microasphalt** – Specification for High Friction Surfacing is no longer to be based on BBA accreditation and will use Sector Scheme 13 instead. A first draft (by RSTA) is due around the end of July
* B510/5 Surface characteristics (texture) – an interesting development of 3D photographs led by D Woodward (University of Ulster), which will ultimately allow texture to be measured without the need for technicians on site

The meeting heard that the UK Pavement Liaison Group is developing a new SHW Clause 941 intended to provide alternative surface course materials to the currently used Clause 942 surface course systems. Clause 941 will specify lower air void content and lower texture depths than Clause 942, intended to enhance durability.

Ian Walsh instigated a discussion around the ‘hot topic’ of potholes, and presented some headline thoughts on pothole development.

The meeting concluded with an exchange of information on several topics including a proposal for an updated version of the ADEPT ‘Managing Reclaimed Asphalt’ guidance document.