**ADEPT Flood & Water Management Group meeting 21 January 2019**

The meeting took place in London and 25 people attended including representatives from EA, Defra, ADA, Forestry Commission and River Trust.

The key points were:

* An update from Defra on future and fair funding review as well as engagement on planning practice guidance
* An update from the EA on LLFA annual reporting and the current status of the FCERM national strategy and 25 year Environment Plan
* A mini-workshop on the EA Flood Recovery Research Project looking at the recovery gap once the emergency has been reacted to
* A presentation from the Forestry Commission on Natural Flood Management and the use of a risk matrix for leaky woody structures
* A presentation on CaBA catchment partnerships which demonstrated the benefits of taking a catchment based approach and how LLFA's could get involved more going forward

Finally Steve Willis announced his retirement with Julia Beeden taking on the role of Chair for future meetings.

**Steve Willis**

**Chair**