

Political Thinking Meeting Report No 33

Chiltern U3A 'Political Thinking'

Meeting No 33 Monday 15th April 2019

Topic; Political Clans

There is ongoing research work being conducted at LSE into political grouping that differ from the established parties.

Some ten so called clans have been identified based on attitudes to political issues

An online questionnaire has been developed which assigns the respondent to one of these clans based on responses to questions about political opinions and beliefs.

Some 10 of our members had completed the questionnaire.

On the basis of their responses these were assigned to the political clans identified.

The conclusion was that the clans as identified did seem to represent differentiated groupings of political opinions with some common ground within each group.

However here appeared to be no immediate prospect of any one one of the clans as identified becoming strong enough in terms of voter support to form a powerful political grouping that could lead to a new political force in the UK.

Rather it confirms that current very divided and divisive nature of politics in the UK currently.