

Political Thinking Meeting Report No 23

Chiltern U3A 'Political Thinking'

Meeting No 22 Monday 16th July 2018

Topic 1 "Take Back Control." What does this mean?

Topic 2 "Leaving and the consequences of so doing."

Topic 1

Three issues were considered EU Immigration, EU Regulation & ECJ and Farming.

Alternative positions were described as below.

Members were asked with which proposition they most closely agreed; numbers in favour of each are reported below.

EU Immigration

1. We should institute a Green Card, Seasonal Migrant and Visa system for all EU citizens together with every other country
2. Implement an Identity Card in UK, as all EU countries except Denmark, Ireland and ourselves currently do - so we know how many legal people are in the country and can choose to deport illegals.
3. Implement existing EU law which allows us to deport EU citizens, together with their dependants, if they are not able to support them
4. Continue existing UK approach to EU immigration - laissez-faire?

Proposition	1	2	3	4	Total
Number agreeing	1	7	0	3	11

Conclusion; the majority opinion was very much in favour of id cards and enforcement.

That rules are enforced seemed more important than what the rules were.

This policy is not consistent with any being proposed by any political party.

EU Regulation & ECJ

1. We make our rules and laws

2. Follow EU 'common rule book' around product specifications to enable free movement of goods.

3. Adhere to EU rules around State Aid and Environment as well as common rule book (2)

Proposition	1	2	3	Total
Number agreeing	1	6	4	11

Conclusion; the majority opinion was very much in favour of following the common rule book, but there were conflicting views.

Farming

1. Do we need to be able to protect our farmers from global producers who could undercut them (Yes or No)

yes	no	total
2	9	11

Conclusion; the majority opinion was very much in favour of ending any form of protection for farming.

A number of other propositions in a similar format were not discussed due to lack of time

Topic 2 The discussion concentrated on a legal opinion on the Chequers proposals, which is not reproduced.

Broadly the legal opinion was that the Chequers proposals were unworkable.

The group considered the various points made.

No particular conclusion was reached by our group.

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