

## Restoring common ground

Just as importantly: our politics has become so divisive and negative that many people simply reject politics and politicians.

A Progressive Alliance would build a new positive politics where people **seek and find common ground on which they can work together.**

## How?

We already have example of progressive parties successfully working together – in Brighton and Hove, Lewes, and many other places across the country.

But each area is different and will need to be able to build their own local alliance to meet local needs and conditions.

### Not one PA, but many.

How do we start? By finding ways of working together on issues that concern us all such as building a local green economy, care, education, poverty, planning, housing, tackling homelessness and transforming our democracy

## Get Involved

Compass already has a national network of local groups working on creating their own PA as one of its projects. One is based in Brighton and Hove Compass, but it would be great to have more spread across the UK.

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# Progressive Alliances



## What's a 'progressive alliance'?

An electoral pact? A way of getting PR? The first step to a better world?

If we want to change things for the better by defeating the Tories we must **work together.**

If we want a fairer voting system, we must **work together.**

If we want a better, less corrupt, and less cynical politics we must **work together.**

## Divided We Lose

In the 77 years since the end of the War the Tories have been in government for 52 years and Labour for 25.

But if we had PR, there **would have been a progressive majority for much of this time.**

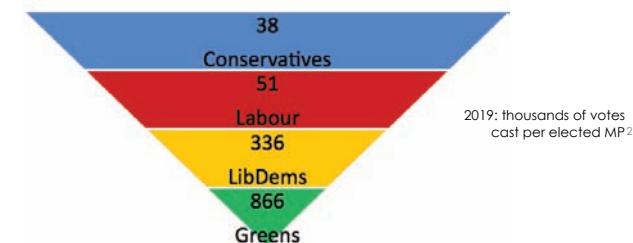
If we had PR at the last election, **we'd have a progressive majority of 330 MPs against the Tories 298**, rather than the incompetent and corrupt government we ended up with.<sup>1</sup>

The harsh truth is that Labour cannot win power on its own. To get a majority of 1 would require a swing is bigger than 1945. of **13.8%.**

However, with a Progressive Alliance in place, a swing of only **3.18%** would mean the Tories losing their majority.

## The Inverted Pyramid of Power

Progressives are deeply committed to democracy. And this is not democratic:



<sup>1</sup> This figure includes Labour, Liberal Democrats, Greens, The Scottish Nationalists and Plaid Cymru

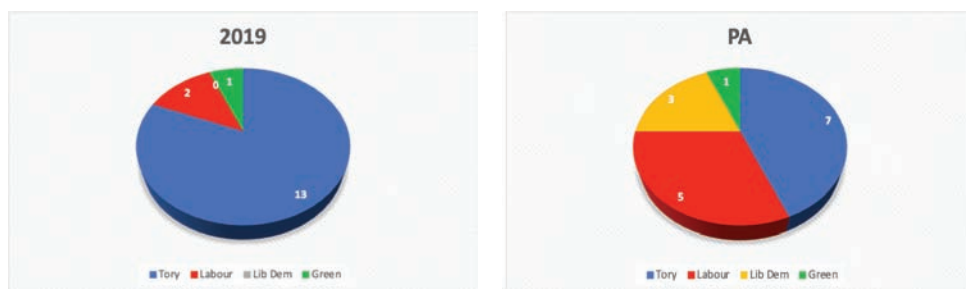
<sup>2</sup> From make votes matter <https://www.makevotesmatter.org.uk>

## What about Sussex?

'True Blue Sussex' is not as blue as it seems!

Though 13 of the 16 Sussex seats have a Tory MP, that's a distortion caused by our unfair voting system and the **three-way split** of the progressive vote between Labour, the Liberal Democrats, and the Greens.

A progressive alliance could **transform the political map of the area**.



## Already there

Three Sussex constituencies already have an existing progressive majority:

**Lewes** with a majority of 4,745 (Liberal Democrats in the lead)

**Eastbourne** with a majority of 483 (Liberal Democrats in the lead)

**Hastings and Rye** at 83 with Labour in the lead

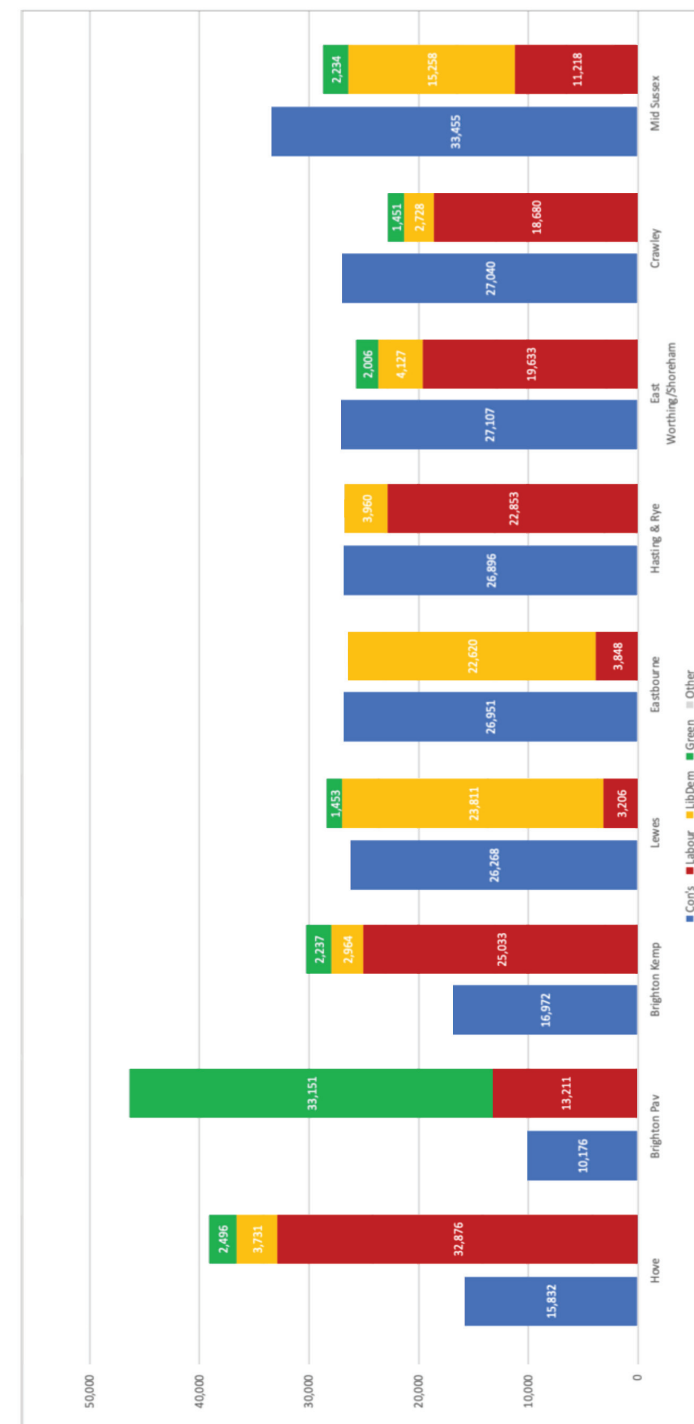
## Possible gains

There are three further constituencies that could become gains for progressive parties:

**East Worthing and Shoreham** at -1,341 favouring Labour

**Crawley** at -4,181 favouring Labour

**Mid Sussex** at -4,745 favouring the Liberal Democrats



<sup>3</sup> The figures in 'Already There' (e.g. Lewes) indicate an existing majority for progressive parties. The minus figures in 'Possible' (e.g. East Worthing), indicate a slight minority support requiring a relatively small swing to achieve a majority)