

Colour of Card	During Discussion	For Decision or gauging
Red	I have a process observation eg the discussion is off the subject	I am entirely against this proposal and will block consensus
Green	I can provide Clarification	I mostly agree with the proposal at hand or have slight reservations.
Orange	I have a comment, question or need clarification	I have a serious reservation about this proposal, but I am not willing to block consensus.

Notes

- 1) During discussion, an **Orange** card means a question or comment (like raising your hand). **Red** and **Green** are interrupt cards at any time. Red takes priority, then Green.
- 2) Any member can ask to gauge a question with a show of cards. That can be very useful to show where the group is, it might have moved very quickly.

Consensus Guidelines

- Chair reads out the Proposal and asks for an initial show of cards
- There are then 3 possible outcomes
 - 1) **Too many red or orange cards** - It's a no hoper chair suggest to proposer they withdraw, talk it over more with others outside meeting and re-think it. Next item.
 - 2) **A sea of Green appears** - may be one or two question are needed - proposal is accepted, next item.
 - 3) **Mixture of cards** - enter discussion phase. Start with proposer, then take cards in order, orange, green. Showing Red card to chair allows an interruption and takes priority. When all heard, ask for a show of cards to see what is the consensus. Possibly 1 or 2 more questions, then final show of cards. Minute taker reads out the minute, modified if necessary. Next item.

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OLD System

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Red	I have a process observation eg the discussion is off the subject	I am entirely against this proposal and will block consensus
Green	I can provide Clarification	I agree with the proposal at hand
Blue	I have a comment or opinion	I am neutral about the proposal or basically for it, with some slight reservations
Yellow	I have a question or need clarification	I have a question concerning the proposal which must be answered before I can make a decision
Orange		I have a serious reservation about this proposal, but I am not willing to block consensus.

Notes

- 1) During discussion, there are essentially only 2 cards. The **Blue** card for a comment and **yellow**

for a question. Red and Green are interrupt cards.

- 2) During a decision or Gauging: The most common cards after a full and open discussion are:
 - a) Green and Blue are for proposal.
 - b) Yellow means you need a question answered first.

- 3) Showing a red card at the beginning or whilst gauging is fine. It is not generally acceptable at the end of a discussion – it would indicate you feel you have not been heard and the proposal has not been modified enough.

- 4) As an Aide Memoir, try:
 - a) Blue is Tory and they make statements and comments
 - b) Yellow is Lib Dem and they ask questions