

MEETING OF 15th FEBRUARY

The following people attended a meeting at Judith Wright McKinney house on 15th Feb. 1986:

Val Plumwood
Solvig Baas Becking
Judith Wright McKinney
Meredith McKinney
Greg Baker
Robin Jean
Tony Maxwell

Those present agreed to become members of a group whose suggested aims were:

AIMS: 1) To work for the protection of the Mongarlowe River and its catchment area, and the maintenance/improvement of its quality.
2) To outline the current situation with the mining application that causes our immediate concern.

ACTIONS proposed at the meeting were:

1) To contact further people who were known to be sympathetic to the aims.

2) To join the South Coast Conservation Council (Val).

3) To send a letter to local residents (a) to expand our own organisation, and (b) to encourage them to object to mining applications.

4) To oppose the mining application, and prepare a critique of the EIS and objections. To release the EIS to the papers, contact conservation councils and press to publicise our point of view. The critique of the EIS could be a basis for preparing statements for the press.

5) To seek further information on areas of mining knowledge:

- a) What happens if you disturb the river - mercury and other? (Judith)
- b) What were the old gold mining techniques? (Judith)
- c) Is it possible to extract the mercury? (Judith)
- d) What would happen to the oxygen levels and to the Mongarlowe perch? (Alan Geier)
- e) What methods will the miners use to extract the mercury? (EIS)

Tentative date of next meeting: 15th March '86.

NOTE: Cash contributions held by Judith amount to \$26.00.