

## Paul Chaney's *Critical Camping* series ***Event 3: Reclaiming Labour***

2-3 July 2016

### **Critical Camp 3 – Reclaiming Labour**

Autonomy is often regarded as an ideal, although self-sufficiency can also be seen as a kind of rehearsal for post-apocalyptic life. Above all, though, it involves a lot of hard work. But how do we understand 'work' outside of the system of money and wage labour? Can humans ever extract themselves from the technological matrix? Is the idyll of self-sufficiency merely the mirror image of capitalist individualism? In an attempt to understand what we would really be letting ourselves in for if we went 'back to the land', this *Critical Camp* will explore the relation between labour and freedom, and will involve discussion and participative activities revolving around manual labour and technology, and the difficulty of deciding where one ends and the other begins.

#### **Schedule:**

##### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

14:00

Introduction

14:30 – 16:30

Use and maintenance of the Austrian hand scythe with Kevin Austen

17:00

Scythe versus strimmer race

18:00 – 19:30

Paul Chaney and Kevin Austen – presentation and discussion

20:00

Dinner

21:00 – 23:00

Fireside chat, readings and musical performance

##### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

08:00 – 11:00

Breakfast

11:00

Site clearing and clean up

12:00

Dispersal

#### **Speakers:**

Paul Chaney – Artist and horticulturalist.

Kevin Austin – Horticulturalist and director of Skygrove Organics: an off-grid 9.5acre holding near Plymouth where vegetables are raised commercially using hand and horse-drawn equipment alone.

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